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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: [REDACTED] vs *Diocese of Joliet*

Father Lenczycki Records

Dear Mr. Johnson:

As per a Court Order, I am enclosing Diocesan records of Father Lenczycki consisting of the following:

- 1.) **Priest file of Father Lenczycki** (total pages 855)
- 2.) A Privilege Log for documents in this priest file.

Names of Accusers

The only name of an individual whose name has been made public is [REDACTED] All other individuals who have made accusations have never been made public and the existing Protective Order prohibits their disclosure.

My Best Regards,

SPESIA & AYERS

By: 
James C. Byrne

JCB/skm

cc: The Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon, JCD
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The Honorable Michael Powers
Will County Courthouse
14 W. Jefferson Street
Joliet, Illinois 60432

Re: [REDACTED] vs *Diocese of Joliet*
Privilege Logs
for
Father Lenczycki


Dear Judge Powers:

.Enclosed are four separate Privilege Logs and the corresponding documents of Diocesan records on Father Lenczycki for an in-camera review and ruling.

- One is for Mental Health records of Lenczycki.
- One is for Attorney-Client records.
- One is for Mental Health records of a Victim.
- One is for the Constitutional Right to Privacy of Third Party Persons and/or Victim.

Respectfully Submitted

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JCB/skm
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Terrance M. Johnson, Esq., et al ✓
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ORDERS	DATE CONFERRED	ORDAINING BISHOP	PLACE	DATE CONFERRED	EXTRAORDINARY APPOINTMENTS	DATE RELIEVED
TONSURE	4/1969	R. J. Vonesh	Lkpt., St. Charles Sem.	10/9/74	Spiritual Dir. of seminarians at I.B.C.	
FIRST MINORS	4/1969	R. J. Vonesh	" "			
SECI MINORS	4/1970	Joseph Sullivan	Conception Sem., Mo.			
SUB-DIACONATE	4/12/71	R. J. Vonesh	St. Chas. Sem., Lockport			
DIACONATE	4/16/71	Romeo Blanchette	St. Chas. Sem., Lockport			
PRIESTHOOD	10/21/74	Bishop R. J. Vonesh	Ss. Peter and Paul, Naperville			

DATE APPOINTED	ASSIGNMENT	DATE LEFT
10 23 1972	Naperville, Ss. Peter and Paul	6 16 1975
6 16 1975	Lockport, St. Charles Seminary	6 19 80
6 19 1980	<i>Kinrossdale, St. Isaac Jogues</i>	1 1 85
1 1 85	<i>On leave</i>	

DATE OF BIRTH	[REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS	[REDACTED]
HOME PARISH	St. Bathasar
NATIONALITY	Polish
FATHER'S NAME	Albin (deceased)
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME	Grace Mezydlo (deceased)
READING KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH	
SPEAKING KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH	
PUBLIC SPEAKING RATING	
PREPARATORY EDUCATION	St. Mary of the Lake, Wis., Conception Sem., Missoula School,
DEGREES	B.A. Philosophy
REMARKS:	



Rev. Fred Lenczycki

LENCZYCKI, FRED

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE SEMINARY
JUNIOR COLLEGE DEPARTMENT
7135 NORTH HARLEM AVENUE
CHICAGO 31, (Niles) ILLINOIS

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December 9, 1963

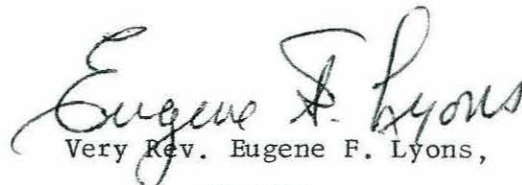
Rev. Roger L. Kaffer
Assistant Chancellor
Chancery Office
310 Bridge Street
Joliet, Illinois - 60435

Dear Father Kaffer:

Fred Lenczynski impressed the whole faculty as being a friendly, cooperative, young man of good character. He has a fine spirit and got along very well with his classmates. He is manly and worked very hard, but this seminary is just too difficult for him.

I certainly hope that Fred gets a chance to study for the priesthood in some smaller seminary where he might have a better chance of survival.

Yours sincerely in Christ,


Very Rev. Eugene F. Lyons,
Rector

Enc.

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May 29, 1975

The Reverend Fred Lenczycki
Sts. Peter and Paul Church
26 North Ellsworth
Naperville, Illinois 60540

Dear Father Lenczycki:

Effective June 16, 1975, I hereby appoint you
a member of the faculty of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary,
Lockport, Illinois, transferring you as associate pastor
at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Naperville, Illinois.

Wishing you God's blessings in your new assignment,
I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bishop of Joliet

RRB:kms

Rev. Frederick Lenczycki

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BISHOP'S OFFICE

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June 2, 1980

Reverend Frederick Lenczycki
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Rt. 53 & Airport Road
Romeoville, Illinois 60441

Dear Father Lenczycki:

In order to provide adequately for the pastoral care of the people of St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Hinsdale, I am appointing you as associate pastor of St. Issac Jogues (Canon 476). This appointment will take effect on Thursday, June 19, 1980, and upon that date your assignment at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary as faculty member will be terminated. I grant you general delegation for marriages at St. Isaac Jogues, Hinsdale, effective June 19, 1980.

I am very grateful to you for the ministry you have exerised among the students at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary these past 5 years. I hope that this experience has been not only fruitful for the students but also beneficial for you. I pray that your ministry among the people of St. Isaac Jogues Parish will offer you and your people many blessings. I assure you of my willingness to be available to you whenever you wish.

I urge you to take part in the cluster meetings of the priests of your area. It is important that we recognize that we all have a share in the presyberate of the Joliet Diocese. There is much that we can offer each other as well as learn from each other. I wish you well in your new assignment and assure you of my prayers for you.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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cc- Reverend Lenoard Lenc

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Re: Father Frederick Lenczycki:

RESIDENTIAL DIRECTORS

Rev. Joseph L. Hart, S.S.E., Ph.D.
120 Hill Street
Whitinsville, Massachusetts 01588
617/234-6266

Thank you for your calls and for your interest in the House of Affirmation. Enclosed is a copy of the letter sent to Father Lenczycki today pertaining to the assessment program which is to take place at our Webster Groves center.

E. J. Franasiak, Ph.D.
11 Williams Street
Needham, Massachusetts 01747
617/473-5968

At this time, it would be deeply appreciated if you would send us a statement as to your personal observations of Father Lenczycki. What do you consider to be the problematic? What are his needs? How can we best assist him?

Rev. Bernard J. Bush, S.J.
1185 Acacia Street
Box 437
Montara, California 94037
415/728-3361

This information will be shared with Father Lenczycki at the time of the assessment unless specifically stated to the contrary by you.

Sr. Kathleen E. Kelley, S.N.D.
4 Joy Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri 63119
314/968-4509

Thank you for your continued concern and care.

Sr. Fiona Vallance
Heronbrook House
Bakers Lane, Knowle
West Midlands
England B93 8PW
05645-6214

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Director

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December 18, 1984

Reverend Frederick Lenczycki
C/O Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch, D.D.
Bishop of Joliet
425 Summit
Joliet, ILL. 60435

Dear Father Lenczycki:

This letter comes pursuant to a telephone conversation between Mrs. Murphy of our Whitinsville, Massachusetts administrative center and Father Donnelly.

In order to fully acquaint you with our apostolate to assist priests, brothers and sisters suffering from emotional and/or vocational distress, I am enclosing some articles, a brochure and detailed information regarding our admission protocol, donation schedule, psychotheological evaluation and assessment program etc.

In accordance with Father Donnelly's request, we have reserved the following dates for you to participate in the three-day psychotheological assessment program in Webster Groves, Missouri:

MONDAY, JANUARY 28 THROUGH THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1985

We ask that you arrive before 3:00 P.M. on Monday and plan on returning home about noon, or after, on Thursday. Please confirm these dates in writing as soon as possible. We request a minimum of two weeks notice of cancellation. There will be a fee of \$250 incurred if we do not receive the minimum notice.

The House of Affirmation, Located at Four Joy Avenue, Webster Groves Missouri, can be reached by plane, train or bus to St. Louis. If you elect to use some form of public transportation, please let me know so I can arrange to have a staff member meet you. If you choose to drive, take I-44 to the Elm Street Exit, then go north on Elm to Lockwood, then east on Lockwood to Joy. The House of Affirmation is located directly on the corner of Lockwood and Joy Avenues.

Father Frederick Lenczycki
December 18, 1984
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Please complete the enclosed forms and return to me as soon as possible. If you have not had a recent physical examination, we would like you to undergo a complete examination prior to the assessment dates. Please have a report of the findings sent to this office to the attention of [REDACTED] M.D. A form to be signed by you and given to your personal physician is enclosed for this purpose.

For the present Father Lenczycki, I believe the necessary information is enclosed. However, please do not hesitate to contact me in the event you need further assistance.

We look forward to your visit with us.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Director

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cc: Reverend William E. Donnelly, J.C.L.
Chancellor
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425 Summit
Joliet, ILL. 60435

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January 14, 1985

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Dear Jim:

One week down and God knows how many to go. Actually it's been good being away, especially in light of my working on a long detailed form for the House of Affirmation which I finally completed this afternoon. Two weeks from today I go to Webster Groves, Missouri for a 4 day evaluation. After that I have to wait till there is an open spot for me at one of the Houses. I'd like to begin the program as soon as possible.

This last weekend I went to the beautiful town of St. James, Missouri to take the place of a

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priest who has been hospitalized
with lung cancer. It's a short
drive from Rene - only 98 miles
one way! It's just like being
in the southern part of the (our)
diocese, except that instead
of cows as we have, they get
pigs down Rene - and kills all
over the place. I imagine I'll
be returning there the next 2
weekends. It's not all that
bad - nice people, comfortable
Messary and a good cook. What
more could any priest ask
for?

Now to one of the main reasons
for writing - I'd be willing
to take some of those Mass
stipends you said were
available. During the week

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I celebrate each day with
the monks. There is only one
intention for Mass - and they
take that. It would be a great
help to have my own intention.

If you'd had some intention
to me I'd appreciate it. By the
way, Fr. spoke to Edwin, the
Abbot here, and we've yet to
work out any payment for my
being here. I think we're work-
ing toward ~~some~~ an appetizing
agreement whereby I work for
the Abbey & the parish & they
take care of my room and board.

Would you do me one favor as well?
When I knew for sure I would
be living here I gave Bill Donnelly
the address & phone number - the
only one I had then. Or it worked

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the address + phone of you him
are for the monastery. He is living
in the Rectory. It would be
easier contacting me at the
parish: Our Lady of Lourdes
903 Bernadette Dr.
Columbia, Missouri 65203
(314) 445-7915

Would you please pass this
onto Bill Donnelly for me?
You're a good guy and I know
you will.

I hope you and the rest of the
Crazy people in the diocese
are doing well. Thanks for
all your help Jim. I'll call
you - collect - soon.

Fr. Lenczycki

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH
903 BERNADETTE DRIVE
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI 65201

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January 16, 1985

Dear Bishop French:

Just thought I'd drop you a note and let you know I've been here in Columbia for a week so far and everything seems to be working out alright. Edwin & his community here made me feel welcome. Rather than live in the monastery, a room was available in the rectory so I've taken it. Mike Wilbers asked me to cover a parish on weekends where pastor is sick with cancer in a St. Louis Hospital. The parish is in a town of about 3500 people about 100 miles south of here. I was there last weekend and found the people very friendly and the rectory cook adequate (Italian food next Sat. for dinner, she said). I'm to go back for the next 2 weekends.

I spent the better part of last week and all of last Monday completing the forms for the House of Affirmation evaluation. That happens beginning a week from Monday. I'm looking forward to not only the evaluation, but beginning the program. I've been feeling fine down here, and although I'm not real busy with helping in the parish - I told Edwin my first priority was completing the HOA forms -

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I'd like to keep my fingers in the parish ministry pie. Once the program begins, I'm sure I'll be away from parish work enough.

I hope, and presume, things have been pretty quiet at St. Isaac. I spoke with Joe on the telephone yesterday and other than a very brief note from Don when mail was forwarded to me I've not heard from him. Each day is a plus.

There is no way I can tell you how much I appreciate all the support you've given me. As I've said before, I know I've caused you some difficulty and I'm sorry for that. I never imagined things would get so complicated, involving and disturbing so many people. I'm anxious for that time when I can return the pound of flesh to you.

Each day I pray a prayer of thanksgiving for you and ask that you pray for me as well. Many people have come to my aid in countless ways - and I thank the Lord for each of them as well. Through all of this I've seen the presence of the Lord in flesh and blood, in tears, in notes, in time, in smiles - in these and more He's been my strength.

God bless you for your goodness to me.

Fr. L.

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January 23, 1985

Most Reverend Joseph Imesch
425 Summit Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the unfortunate incidents at St. Issac Jogues Parish, Hinsdale. It is with a sense of concern and not curiosity that I am inquiring as to the current status of the situation.

Not only am I a parishioner of St. Issac Jogues, but also a parent of an eighth grade boy in the school. In addition, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Both my husband and I are friends of two of the families involved and therefore know some of the specifics of this matter.

I have met with Father Kocher and he suggested that I write you. Having known and respected Father Fred as our parish priest makes this difficult for me, but my overriding concern is that this situation will not occur again. I appreciate your time in reading this letter and I eagerly await your response.

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]

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March 27, 1985

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Dear Bishop French:

I've been in sunny California for just a week now and it's rained the last two days, and it's been cool the days previous. However, I'm glad I'm here.

Honestly, it's not been too bad so far.

Listening to the other residents & imagine that all day to come will be hard, but other than being a little homesick I've been doing fine. My primary therapist is a doctor named [REDACTED]. He's been on the staff since the first of February. We've met twice and I've been able to speak with her quite freely. Likewise, I've been able to get along with the other 19 residents well and feel I'm not having any relational problems. I've decided that if the process here is going to be beneficial I'll get to be open not only to the later process but with the staff and other residents. I've told the group I'm in therapy with the main reason for my coming to House of Oppression and I've already discovered I'm not the Lone Ranger. That doesn't lessen my feeling of guilt or humiliation, however. I'm hopeful I'll get to working with these feelings as time goes on. So far the most difficult part was the 2 hour alcoholics session yesterday afternoon. I didn't realize I had so much pent up in me. I had to lose 10 lbs! and I lost a little today.

The ride out here was pretty good. My younger sister, [REDACTED] drove along with me and

then flew home. We started at 4:30 AM on Thursday the 14th, and stayed in North Platte, Nebraska the 1st night - 7 1/2 miles. We took it a little easier the other days stopping in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Carson City, Nevada before coming to St. Francis for a couple days. (I won a couple bucks on the roulette wheel in Nevada!)

When I was home I called the Chancery Office and spoke with Bill Donnelly. He said you would be coming home from Egypt on the 15th. I'm sorry I missed speaking with you. I imagine your trip to Ethiopia was eye opening. I imagine as well that your trip home was long and tiring. I heard too that prior to the trip you'd spent a couple nights at Meinhel Hospital - I hope you're doing OK. (I heard of the whole experience with [redacted] and everything else that day at Holy Trinity.)

I'm not certain what this experience at HOA is going to raise, solve, discover etc. for me. I am positive that it can only be helpful to me, and therefore to the people I will minister to later. I'm grateful to you for making this a possibility. I'm going to give the program all I have to make it as good (even if difficult) an experience as possible. I've felt your support as well as your confidence in me. He said before that the happenings in December were the hardest in my life. But so many come to my aid, and I'm grateful to God for so many people - you, [redacted] & [redacted] my classmates and others - who have given me the strength I've needed each day. I don't know what else to say but thank you.

Please pray for me - I know you do, & I too support you with my prayer, Bishop.

Fr. L.

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OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY

JAMES E. RYAN

May 21, 1985

ROBERT K. KILANDER
FIRST ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY

207 REBER STREET
WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187
(312) 682-7050

Mr. [REDACTED]
Attorney at Law
[REDACTED]

Re: St. Isaac Jogues Investigation

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I am writing to confirm our meeting of February 14, 1985, and to remind you of what it was Father Donald Kocher indicated he would provide following that meeting. As you recall, on behalf of the State's Attorney's Office, I determined to take no immediate action given the church's previous action and the feeling of the parents involved in the situation. You made some efforts to obtain parent's interviews for me on a voluntary basis. I am advised you were generally unable to do so.

At the meeting, Father Kocher told me that he would bring me up-to-date on Father Fred's condition and location once it had been established. I would imagine that in the three months since that meeting, some progress has been made.

Please send me a letter with specific information as to Father Fred's present circumstances. I would appreciate knowing what evaluation if any was concluded and what assignment he has now taken. I believe that with specific knowledge that Father Fred has undergone treatment and that care is being used in his assignment, we can quietly close this investigation. I thank you for your assistance in that regard.

Very truly yours,

Robert K. Kilander
ROBERT K. KILANDER

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May 13, 1985

Dear Bishop Smerek:

Thanks for your letter last month. I realize how busy you are, or at least I think I do, and very much appreciate hearing from you. I've been getting all the news from the diocese from the guys at home - Roy Kapper, Jim Murray etc. and have also heard that you've been in and out of Meridale Hospital a few times. I hope you're feeling OK - or at least are on the road to full health now.

I'd say for the most part I'm doing OK. I imagine by now that you've read the 6 week letter my primary therapist [REDACTED] sent to you. From my vantage point it's quite accurately written in terms of my progress at HSA. I feel very comfortable talking with [REDACTED] and I find her to be very insightful and therefore very helpful to me. We are together twice a week and I look forward to those sessions. As she stated we are beginning to get to some understanding of why I've sexually acted out as I have. I don't feel we've come to a definite reason or set of reasons but I believe we are on the right road.

Along with individual therapy I'm in a group with other residents & another member of the Clinical staff. It was here that I first had to say why I'd come to HOA. That was difficult to do since I'm still quite ashamed of myself and my behavior. I thought, however, that once I'd spoken to [REDACTED] and then explained myself to my group that I'd still be able to keep secret from the other residents my primary reason for coming to HOA. Well, I was wrong, and [REDACTED] encouraged me to tell the entire community (the residents & clinical staff meet together twice weekly) so I did this a couple weeks ago. Again, it was very hard to do and afterward I was in the arms of one of the residents like a baby - just as I did in your arms. Then last week again I went through quite an emotional session in my psychodrama group - acting out my relationship with my father and my desire to rid myself of this monkey that's been on my back for all these years. This was really a difficult session, again crying, sobbing, throughout. With all of this, I'm not at all certain where it's leading. I seem to have more restraint now than I had before. I'm certain I'll never abuse people again, but I've been certain of that since [REDACTED].

I put a lot of trust in the clinical staff, believing that they know what they are doing. I'm just not certain where all this is going for me. I comfort myself with the fact that I've only been here less than 2 months and I've got more time ahead of me.

There are other fears that roll around inside me. I'm still quite concerned about the emotional/psychological health of the kids. I'm getting to the point where I'll be carrying around guilt for what I did or may have done to them for the rest of my life. Then too, I get fearful of some of the parents deciding to press charges - or something else coming up legally. I had a feeling something was happening back at St. Isaac's a few weeks back - I had to call Don Koehn to find out. He said that nothing was happening, just that people talk about me periodically. This too may be a feeling I'll have for a long time. As I did months ago. I feel each day is a plus, but along with the plus is the realization that somehow, in some way I'm going to be punished.

One of the other areas of concern I have is what happens once my time here at HDA is over. Once all this (my behavior) come to light I knew I had to leave St. Isaac's, but there

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was Bensenville to look toward. Once that time was over there was Columbia to look forward to, and again, once that had begun I had HOA to anticipate. Now there seems to be a large void ahead - what's after HOA for me. It's a scary feeling not knowing what's ahead. I recall you speaking of being gone from the diocese for a matter of years, and that too makes it even more difficult. Last November I attended a workshop dealing with the priesthood and dealing with priests. One of the sessions listed, though I didn't attend it, had something to do with the placement of difficult priests. Last fall I didn't see myself in that situation - now I see myself at the top of the list.

I want to close by letting you know how much I appreciate you, Bishop, and all you've done to help me - including your sending me here. I know I've caused you, Don + many in the diocese + the parish great pain + frustration - not to mention the cost in worry + time. I'm honestly sorry for that - I never felt my problem would become the problem of so many. I know you do pray for me + I sincerely appreciate that - please continue. And I too ask God's strength and His peace on you. Fred

Lenczycki

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May 28, 1985

Reverend Fred Lenczycki
House of Affirmation
1185 Acacia Street, Box 437
Montara, California 94037

Dear Fred,

Many thanks for your letter of a few weeks ago. It was really good to hear from you. You certainly sounded good. I read your letter when I received it and now again as I am responding to it. I did get the letter from [REDACTED] and I have responded to her.

I can certainly imagine the difficulty involved in having to reveal oneself to everyone. That is certainly hard to do for anyone with a large group. I just don't think we were ever conditioned to let a large number of people know our innermost thoughts and feelings.

Sometime you are going to have to tell me what the advantage in that is. I can see some positive side to it, such as being fully accepted by everyone and the recognition that everybody has a dark side which they would rather not reveal. To know that we can be loved, despite our dark sides, is certainly a plus, but I don't think I would enjoy going around letting everybody know my dark side. At any rate, nice going, I could certainly feel with you the difficulty you experienced.

I just say, "thank God for places like the House of Affirmation." How helpful it is to have people who really know what they are doing.

I know you must be worried about the future, as well as the past, but somehow you have to find a way to set those fears behind you. We can become immobilized if we think of all the possibilities that could happen. I know that I thought about the worse possible set of consequences, I don't think I could handle it. We have

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to trust in the Lord that He does watch over us and will help us survive any difficulty that may arise.

I don't think you should be unduly concerned about the parish. I think that has pretty much settled down and I would not expect any type of action from there. I would be interested in hearing what [REDACTED] had to say about your calling the rectory to find out what was going on. That would seem to be allowing an unreal fear to take hold and convince us that it is real.

I recognize the uncertainty that you feel also about what will happen after the House of Affirmation. I will pretty much depend upon the recommendation that is made by the staff. I am sure there are a number of places where you would be able to go. Dan Ryan would certainly be interested in having you, and that would not be too far away. You could also go back to your friend in Jefferson City, if you wished.

Without knowing what the recommendation will be I would think that by June of 1987 you would be able to return. For my part you could return at any time, but I do think it would be better to spend sometime away from the diocese.

I am glad that you are being kept informed about what is going on in the diocese. Perhaps you could tell me sometime! I am looking forward to the ordination of four new priests this Saturday, and of course the ordination of Roger Kaffer at the end of the month. One of the days when I was sick was a day when I had three Confirmations and asked Roger to take them. He really got his baptism under fire. Typically Kaffer, he loved it.

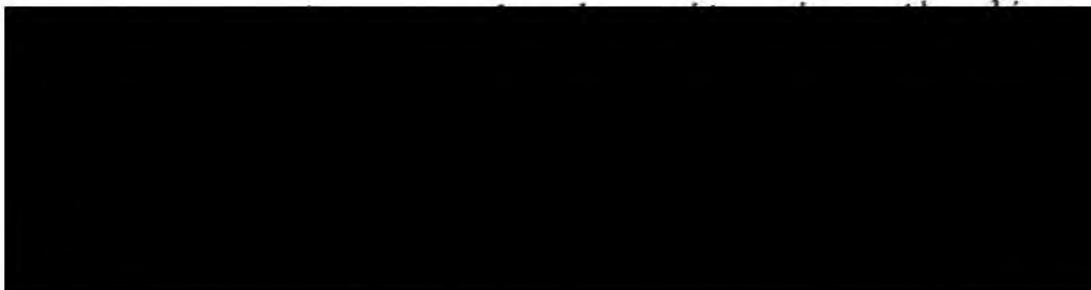
Yes, I've been spending some of my free time in Hinsdale Hospital lately. [REDACTED]

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I know this is a particularly difficult time for you, but also know that it will be a good time eventually. You are in my prayers twice each day by name and I appreciate also your remembrance. Take care of yourself and enjoy those aerobics!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

000252

September 3, 1985

Dr. [REDACTED]
Clinical Psychologist
House of Affirmation
1185 Acacia Street, Box 437
Montara, California 94037

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]:

Many thanks for your recent letter regarding Father Fred Lenczycki. I appreciate the continuing reports you send. I was somewhat concerned since I had not heard from Fred for sometime, but I received a letter from him a few days after receiving yours. He, too, mentions a desire to attend the Priests' Convocation and his decision, reluctantly, not to return for that event. As much as I know Fred would like to return, I really feel the right decision was reached. I would not have felt comfortable with a decision to return for the Convocation, and I will make that known to Fred in a few days.

In his letter to me, Fred raised a number of concerns which I think I can help to alleviate. He seems to have considerable anxiety about the future, and while there is certainly some uncertainty to that future, there is at the same time considerable assurance that in time he will return to this diocese. I know that the uncertainty of the future must be troubling for him, but I do think it is important not only for Fred, but also for the diocese, that he have some time of pastoral activity before he returns.

I certainly appreciate your support for Fred and particularly your assistance in helping him through what is becoming an increasingly more difficult time. I can well imagine how time begins to be drawn out for many of the residents and soon becomes an enemy. I know that this is a particularly difficult time for Fred and I will certainly keep him in my prayers. Again, I appreciate all that you and the others at the House of Affirmation are doing for so many. You, also, are in my prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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August 24, 1985

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Dear Bishop Amesch:

I've been sitting here for the last few minutes trying to figure out how to begin writing this letter. It seems as though there is so much to say, yet at times it seems as though I don't know how to put down in words what I want to say. I'm finding more and more that I have mixed feelings about so many things. Part of that, I'm sure, is that I'm literally in the middle of this program - not beginning and not ending - and not really sure about what's happening with me. There are times when I wish I were gone from here, back home working as a priest again, yet knowing at the same time that I need to be here in order to bring about the changes in my life. I've had a number of visitors, family and friends, and although I'm really glad they've come out to be with me, it's hard to see them leave and go back to where I'd like to be - doing the things I'd like to do. I guess what I'm saying is that although I'm being helped greatly by this program it's harder than hell at times.

I still do have fears about the future as well. Recently Don Korker called to tell me

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that Al Butti said the state attorney had closed the file and that things have been very quiet at the point. I'm grateful for that and hope it stays that way. Yet, there's a priest here whose situation is similar to mine, though more involved, and just over a week ago he was dropped from the diocese - that made me scared. Still, someplace in the back of my head I'm fearful something else could happen to me. Part of my concern too, is being gone from the diocese for such a long time. I think about what to do during that time if it works out that I'll be gone so long, even though I have places to go. Right now it's just hard for me to work with that.

I had thought about coming home for the Convocation, yet after talking to [REDACTED], my primary therapist, I decided I'd be coming for the wrong reasons. I have to learn to affirm myself instead of depending on outside affirmation. I think I would have been looking for that from you & the priests had I attended. I will miss being there however, since being involved with the priests has and still does mean a great deal to me.

Recently [REDACTED] mentioned that she may invite you to come out here for a couple

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days so that she you & I could meet together. I have no idea if she's going to do that or if she does when that would be. I'd be very glad to have you come out - I think it would be of great benefit to me. If that occurs, I imagine that would be down the line someplace.

I know that next week you celebrate (I hope you can celebrate) your sixth anniversary as Bishop of Joliet. I know over the years I've written notes of support to you. I did mean what I wrote then - that I appreciate what you'd done for me and the diocese. This year that seems so insignificant - I'm not certain what to say. I do want to ask for your forgiveness for making or at least contributing toward making this last year difficult. I'm honestly sorry for all the difficulty I've given you - I wish it all hadn't worked out that way. And again, I want to thank you for your love, your understanding, your patience and your prayers. I depend greatly on all of that. Know that I daily pray for you as well that you be blessed with faith, strength and peace.

Love,
Fred

Lenczycki

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September 5, 1985

Reverend Fred Lenczycki
House of Affirmation
1185 Acacia Street
Montara, California 94037

Dear Fred,

I have reread your letter several times and just want to tell you how much I appreciated hearing from you. I must say that during the summer I wondered a few times why I had not heard from you. I wondered about writing myself and then would get caught up in so many other things that I couldn't have written even if I wanted to.

I can certainly see you sitting down to write me a letter and then wondering what you should write. I know that it must be especially difficult during this time when, as you said, you are in the middle of the program and wondering about when and how it will end. I think that is probably why I thought you had not written earlier because I understand that the middle part of the program is the most difficult, since one doesn't see the end approaching and wonders how long you have to mull over the same things.

I can certainly understand your fears and concerns about the future, too. That's where one really has to develop trust in the Lord that no matter what happens, His will can be accomplished. You really can't afford to let yourself think about all of the possibilities, because that is self-defeating. I can tell you that there are many days when I would end up tying my head in a plastic bag if I thought about all of the possible things that could go wrong in the future.

I am pleased to hear that things have been settled in the parish. While there is always the possibility of something happening, I don't think you can afford to be immobilized by that. The Lord will give you the strength to handle whatever happens.

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As far as the diocese is concerned, let me say that I have no intention of dropping you. As a matter of fact, my concern would be that you would go somewhere else and like it so much that you would say you wanted to stay there. I guess I'm afraid that you would drop me! I know that being away from the diocese for such a lengthy period of time is difficult, but the fact that this time will come to an end, also makes it bearable. Whenever you leave there, I think you should plan on spending 1½ - 2 years ministering in another diocese. The fact that you do have some places to go to is certainly a tribute to you and the respect that other people have for you. While that time away will also be difficult, at least you will be ministering and enjoying the fruits of that ministry. Then I would think that at a time that would be suitable for you and for me, you would come back here and be assigned to another parish. I don't know if that will relieve any of your anxiety, but I do want you to know that is my intention.

I received a note from [REDACTED] a few days before yours informing me about mutual decision not to come back for the Convocation. I am pleased that you reached that decision. I really don't think it would have been a good idea for you to leave the House of Affirmation to come to the Convocation. If you were already ministering somewhere else, I could see your coming, but since you are there in therapy, I think it is better that you stay there. I know very well how much you would enjoy being with all of the others and how much they would enjoy having you with them. Nevertheless, I really do think you made the proper decision.

I must confess that I had mixed reactions about your note that [REDACTED] might invite me to come out to spend a few days. On the one hand, I really would like to come and see you, on the other hand, I think of my schedule and how overly involved I am already, and wonder how in the world I would find a few days when I could do that. Perhaps I can find those days and will come out, but I will wait for her invitation.

I really want to thank you for your anniversary wishes. I do indeed remember that you wrote me anniversary notes in the past, which I certainly appreciated, but not as much as the one this year. You

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are a blessing as well as a burden! Aren't we all!!! I know how anxious you are to come back here and I am just as anxious to have you back here. What you have gone through and are going through will make you a more effective, compassionate minister. I might even go so far out on a limb as to say, you will be one of the great ones!

You do continue in my prayers and are frequently in my thoughts. Hang in there! It's nice to know that there are people like you who would choose Joliet over California!! Prayers and peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

October 14, 1985

Dear Bishop Amersch:

In just a week I will have completed seven months here at House of Appimation. Knowing that I'm beyond the half-way point has made me feel good. Then too, it seems as though the last month I've been able to see parts of the puzzle of my life start getting together. For the first part of the program I felt all the parts of my life were scattered all over the floor and all I was doing was walking through them. Some significant aspects of my life have started coming together now, and though still difficult at times it's good to know that I'm putting myself together again with some new insights and some new behavioral patterns. To put one major area in a nutshell, I've discovered that I've carried some anger in me for about 30 years directed mainly at my father for his not being the father I needed. Just recently I've discovered

that I'm still angry with him because the possibility exists that had he spent time with me, talking with me in a father to son manner, that I may never have acted out as I did. I'm not certain of that, but the likelihood exists. Presently I'm trying to figure out why I envy people - what the root of all that is. [REDACTED] has indicated to me that I've carried a feeling of rejection and that may be the cause of my acting out. I might add, too, that when indicated my stay here will most probably be the entire year. In one sense I'm glad to be here all that time, to work on my problems, and in another sense it still seems like such a long time away. Being here for Christmas will be hard on me since I do miss being with my family. We've already decided that no matter when I get home, that's when we'll celebrate Christmas together.

Speaking of my family - I just found out a couple weeks ago that they heard about my problems at St. Isaac. I don't know if you know that I have an uncle a priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago - Leonard Meyzello, my mother's brother.

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When he visited me in May he told me that somehow he'd gotten word of my difficulty - I imagine through some kind of clerical talk. Well, he decided to tell my family fearing they could possibly hear something. When they were here in July, I had no idea they knew and they never let on. To make a long story short I called my uncle and we spoke. That's when I found out that my immediate family is aware of the problem. When I saw [redacted] back in Dec. he said not to tell them and I'd stuck with that. Here I was told they should know, yet I found it quite hard to want to do. Now that they do know, however, I'm glad and I know that they still love and support me. I'm grateful to God for that.

I have to say too, that I'm grateful to God for you. Much of my anxiety was relieved knowing that I'm still part of the Diocese of Joliet, and will be later on as well. It will be hard not coming home after HOA and I'll still not be certain what that period of time held for me. A couple months ago I was spending too much time thinking about the future and not focusing on the present. I'd tried to stay with the present, but can't help look toward life after HOA. I'd had scattered thoughts over the months - things like:

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being closer to Rome in the Springfield Diocese or accepting the invitation to the Jefferson City Diocese since I'd be there with some friends. Then she had other thoughts like working in some diocese that really is short of on priests for that time period or seeing the time to go to school as well as working in a parish. I'm not even certain yet, if, after my year as a resident here, it may not be recommended that I remain in the area for out-client therapy which would mean helping in a parish in the area and coming in here for continuing therapy with [REDACTED]. All this goes through my head, but for the time being I'm letting it sit there. I imagine that we'll begin talking about the future in the next few months.

One area that's getting more and more difficult for me is not being in contact with some friends I made back in Skidale. There are just a few people I'd like to be in contact with, yet I can understand why it's not to be. I did see a Skidale parishioner last month, [REDACTED]. He was here on business and we had lunch together. He & his family and my family got to be friends. I told Don Kocher I was seeing him and asked this guy not to say anything to anybody else.

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That seems so secretive, yet I know Don
 doesn't want my name popping up in the
 parish again. It's just plain getting harder
 all the time; yet I'm grateful things have
 been quiet at the parish.

I'm picking up [redacted] and [redacted]
 at the airport this afternoon. They are coming
 out on vacation and I'm really glad to have
 them coming. My classmates have been a great
 help to me, as have other priests of the diocese -
 I'm blessed to be part of them. [redacted] & I have
 spoken once by phone since he's gone to Ottawa
 and exchanged letters. He's a good guy and a good
 friend too.

Before I forget - I started going out to a
 parish every other weekend for Sunday Mass.
 It's great being back in the saddle again - it
 had been six months since I'd said a Sunday
 parish Mass - I love being with the people,
 though I'm feeling the pressure again of having
 to prepare a homily. In that regard I'd gotten
 spoiled over the six months. It seems I'm
 still not getting it to completion till Saturday
 afternoon - some patterns just don't change, I guess.

This letter has gone longer than I imagined
 it would; maybe since today we are free because
 of Columbus Day, no therapy and a beautiful day

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Running and no fog here along the coast. Perfect weather for [redacted] arrival, especially since [redacted] has never been out here before.

You'll be saddened to hear that our Alcoholics instructor left about a month and a half ago, and has been replaced except by an audio tape - it's just not the same though. I still continue going to the health club a couple times a week for a workout and try and get out at least once a week for some cycling with some other residents. This area is beautiful for cycling around.

I've heard from some guys concerning the convocation. I'm sorry I wasn't there since I heard the spirit among the guys was great. Makes me want to come back that much more.

I hope you've been able to find some time for yourself. I imagine with the work on the pastoral on women, as well as just keeping your fingers on the device you could use some time. I'm pretty sure [redacted] is going to invite you out here - what a great excuse to come to California!

I do depend on your prayers and your support, Bishop. Know that I pray for you daily as well.

Fr. Len

December 6, 1985

Dear Bishop Amerch:

Happy St. Nicholas Day! In many, many ways this Dec. 6th is a lot happier than last year. A year ago ^{today} was the day after I left St. Isaac's, my first day at St. Mary's in Deererville, my first session with [REDACTED] and the beginning of very hard days, weeks and months for you, Don Kecher, others at St. Isaac's and for me. To put it briefly those days were the poorest I've ever lived and I thank God so many days have passed. A year ago had someone told me that things could get better (and I think somebody did) I wouldn't have been able to have heard them at all. But thank God the year has passed and I've grown a lot since then. The thing I'm most thankful for is that, to the best of my knowledge (and Don Kecher's) the kids and the families at the parish have suffered no ill effects. I hope and pray that continues. Secondly, I'm grateful to you and to so many others who have stood by me, allowing me to say, literally, on their shoulders. Certainly without your continued support I can't imagine how or where I'd be today.

The program here at the House of Affirmation,

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though very difficult at times, is a blessing. Recently in my session with [REDACTED] I've been seeing more and more of the puzzle parts of my life fitting together and staying together. I'm beginning to believe this experience may end up being the greatest of my life. I realize that sounds very dramatic, but very dramatic changes and insights are taking place.

I'm hopeful that you're going to be able to come out here after the first of the year. I really feel it would be helpful to me if we could sit down and talk with [REDACTED]. I still have concerns about the future and I believe meeting with Rev would help. I'll certainly understand if your schedule won't allow for a visit, but I hope some time could be found.

It was tough being here for Thanksgiving since this was only the second time in my life that I wasn't home with my family. Christmas, too, will be hard, but I see the rationale behind it. For me, I've got to learn to sit with negative feelings rather than blow them up as if they don't exist. It's hard on my family too and I'm sorry about that.

I got the announcement of Magr. Cloan's death yesterday. With all due respect - did his dog attend the funeral?

I depend on your prayers - I pray for you, too, each day.

Fred

Pending

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January 24, 1986

Most Reverend John Quinn, D.D.
Archbishop of San Francisco
445 Church Street
San Francisco, CA 94114

Dear John,

I am writing to you about a priest of the Diocese of Joliet, Fred Lenczycki, who has been at the House of Affirmation in Montara for the past ten months. He is about to complete his treatment there, but he is being asked to remain in the area for some outpatient counseling and group therapy.

I do not know if you have any policy about accepting men from the House of Affirmation on a temporary basis. If this is acceptable might there be a parish in the Archdiocese that could use some additional assistance? I have talked with Fred and his counselor and together we have agreed that he would remain there until June of 1987.

Since last September Fred has been assisting at Our Lady of Pillar, and at the mission at St. Catherine's on Sundays and sometimes for daily Mass. I am sure that the pastor would be willing to give a recommendation for Fred. Personally I would recommend Fred very highly. He is an excellent priest, effective preacher and has a good rapport with people.

If you would agree to accept him, I know that Fred would want to discuss openly the nature of his difficulties with his pastor, with you, and with the members of the personnel board, if that were deemed necessary. Perhaps you might wish to speak to me personally about accepting Fred, and I would be more than happy to do this.

I will be grateful to you for whatever consideration you can give to my request.

Prayers and best wishes to you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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January 29, 1986

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet
425 Summit Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Joe,

Thanks for your letter of January 24 concerning Father Fred Lenczycki, presently at the House of Affirmation in Montara.

I will take up the matter with our Personnel Board and try to get back to you as soon as possible.

With best regards, then, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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March 10, 1986

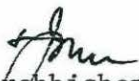
Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet
425 Summit Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Joe,

I just thought you would like to know that Father Fred Lenczycki will be at St. Peter's Parish in Pacifica until June 1987.

With best regards, then, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of San Francisco

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ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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April 10, 1986

Dear Bishop Amelch:

I've been wanting to write & at least let you know that I am here - I didn't run off to Hawaii. Actually, at this point I don't think I'd even want to run off there or anyplace - I'm really glad to be back working in a parish again and I'm feeling right at home. Plus, I've not had any problems here - no stress or inclination - for which I'm extremely grateful. I feel freer now than I ever have - I am working and relating to people and I don't feel like a hypocrite. The staff here at the parish works very well together and the people in the parish have been very warm and welcoming. Even Carter wasn't too bad - I went to my pastor, [REDACTED]

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Maureen's home for dinner. I'm doing
 regular parish work and loving it.

I go out to the House of Affirmation
 twice a week - once for a group session
 and then my individual session with
 [REDACTED]. Honestly, group therapy isn't
 doing too much for me, but I'm glad
 I am continuing with [REDACTED]. Having
 her to talk with is helping my reentry
 into the parish. I'd like to find a good
 spiritual director out here, and I plan
 on looking for one soon, however, I've got
 to talk with [REDACTED] about beginning
 with one.

Hope all is well at home. I got your
 Easter letter which I thought was good.
 I imagine too that surely the guys at
 home were pleased with the salary
 increase.

If you ever want to come back to San
 Francisco you'd be more than welcome -
 there's an extra bed in the rectory - and
 it's not been too foggy on the road recently.

I pray for you - I know you remember me.
 Fred

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

July 15, 1986


RE: Reverend Fred Lenczycki

I met with Fred Monday evening, July 7th. We talked about his work at the parish in Pacifica and his future. Initially both of us had felt that Fred would return to the diocese in June of 1987.

In discussing this, however, we reached a mutual decision that this would be too soon and that a decision to return to the diocese should be delayed for some time. Fred expressed the apprehension that he felt during this trip home whenever he would see someone from his former parish. He feared that returning at this time would create considerable tension and apprehension for him. He said that he did not wish to be a liability to the parish, the diocese or himself.

I suggested that Fred speak to his present pastor upon his return about his being able to stay on after June of 1987. Evidently there is another priest waiting in the wings to take up residence in the parish if and when Fred should leave. If the pastor is agreeable to Fred's staying on, then I said that I would write Archbishop Quinn after the first of the year asking for a year's extension for Fred. We both agreed that a new decision would be reached annually.

I think we had a mutual understanding that Fred would probably not return here for at least three, and probably four years, if then. We talked about the possibility of beginning to feel at home in the San Francisco area and applying for incardination there. At the same time, Fred has a strong desire to return "home," but "home" may eventually become the San Francisco area.



Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch

cc-Bishop Roger Kaffer

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July 30, 1986

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Bishop Joseph Imesch

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: Bishop Roger Kaffer

I was relieved to receive your memo of July 15th 1986, concerning Fred Lenczycki. After Collegeville, after the symposium in June that Bill Donnelly and I attended, and with my own reflection, I would be much more at peace for Fred, for the Church of Joliet, and for the cause of Christ if Fred did eventually find that San Francisco became his home.

The one thing Fred asked me when he was here was that I would be "in his corner." I am sure he meant that with respect to his soon or eventual return here. In my heart of hearts, I think the greatest kindness I could do him would be to help him stay as far away from the Church of Joliet as possible.

All the healing that has taken place could be undone and reversed by his presence here. I guess I am still thinking of my visit with [REDACTED], and some of the discussions he told me he had had with both students and parents in the parish.

Bishop Roger Kaffer

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ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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August 27, 1986

Dear Bishop Amodeo:

I'm sure you'll get this letter a day or so after your installation anniversary - I hope it was a good day - and been a good year. For me the last 12 months have been much better than the previous 12 - and I'm hoping that for both of us, the next dozen will be even better.

Honestly, I guess I'd hoped that by this time my life would be getting back to normal - by that I mean finishing therapy and looking toward coming back to the diocese for an assignment. It's still unsettling knowing that probably that won't happen - at least for a while. As things stand now I'm more or less in limbo. I spoke with [redacted] about talking to Len Calligan, the pastor here, about extending my stay, but she felt I should wait till I got more information about my legal standing at home. I wrote [redacted] about a month ago but he's not yet responded. So I sit and wait and wonder about the future.

As far as my involvement at St. Peter's is concerned - well, I'm feeling more and more part of the parish all the time. The newness of being here has worn off and it's becoming home in many ways. I can imagine myself staying longer than the next ten months

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and I feel it would be welcome news to the parish, but I wonder if they can afford to lose me - picking up my total financial obligations - insurance etc. I do, however, love being in this parish very much.

I had a visit from my two sisters last week - [redacted] and [redacted]. Having them come out makes me feel very good - yet seeing them leave makes me feel a little homesick. There are times when I get lonely out here - especially as people I know at the House of Affirmation leave California and return home. I've decided to make a retreat in October with some of the priests of the Archdiocese in order to meet some of the clergy and hopefully establish some friendships. Then too, I think I really need a good retreat - my last one was two years ago at Mundelein.

I saw you for a brief moment on TV when Father James returned to Joliet and also in the S.F. Chronicle - can I get your autograph?

You should consider returning to the west coast in the next couple months - Sept. & Oct. are the best times to visit the Bay Area - no fog - you would get a whole new insight and I'm certain you'd love the coast.

Therapy is really going well - I've been having some very profitable sessions with [redacted] and the two group sessions are good too - it seems as though I'm really coming together in understanding myself & in growing too - I'm a little around the waist!

I pray for you & depend on your prayer too.

Paul

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September 30, 1986

Reverend Fred Lenczycki
St. Peter's Catholic Church
700 Oddstad
Pacifica, CA 94044

Dear Fred,

It was just about a month ago that you wrote me and I had hoped that I would get back to you before this but the last month has been rather busy. Perhaps I shouldn't say busy as much as say that I was away quite a bit. We had our bishops' retreat at the end of August, I was in Boston for a couple of days for meetings and saw [REDACTED] and then about the middle of September I went down to Des Moines for the 75th anniversary of the diocese and travelled on to Conception for a three day seminar on older vocations. (I gave one of the talks!) Came back and then went for a day of retreat with our priests, followed by two-day religious educators workshop at the Oak Brook Marriott. Puff, puff, puff.

By the way when I was in Conception [REDACTED] or at least I think that was his name, asked about you and told me to be sure and give you his regards. I believe he was the former dean of studies who is now taking a sabbatical and doing parish work in Kansas City. He seemed like a really neat guy. In fact, I was quite impressed with all of Conception. There is a young man from Joliet there whom you might know, I believe his name was [REDACTED], and it is now Brother [REDACTED].

I probably shouldn't tell you that I am dictating this letter on a Friday evening at 6 p.m. I am on my way to Michigan City, Indiana where I will meet several fellows from Boston, Chicago and various parts of Michigan to prepare for the Notre Dame - Purdue game tomorrow. While I've been with these fellows before, I have never had the opportunity to make it on the night before the game and I understand that the fellows from Boston bring down buckets of lobsters, crabs, you name it. It does sound great. Now if it were only foggy, it would be just like San Francisco!

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One of the priests from Boston did his liturgical studies at Notre Dame. He is quite a piano player and used to entertain at the University Club while a student. He now entertains after the game, pounding the piano and leading everyone in sing alongs long after they should have gone home. It will be quite a day. I will recoup on Sunday by going to the Ukrainian Church of St. Nicholas for the 25th anniversary of the establishment of their diocese. If they are true to form, that should be a very long ceremony. The last time I was there was for the funeral of the former bishop and I can still remember Abramowicz walking into church with about 4 newspapers and 3 pamphlets under his arm. Talk about knowing the ropes!

Your life sounds about as settled as ever! I'm a little surprised [REDACTED] asked you to wait in speaking to [REDACTED], since we had pretty much agreed that you would stay on there for at least a few more years. There would seem to be little reason to think that there would be any quick change in those plans. I will be interested in knowing what [REDACTED] has to say, although I think most lawyers, like doctors, and maybe even priests are quite conservative. They don't take very many risks. Nevertheless, considering your own experience here last Christmas, it would probably seem best to make plans for the future rather than the present.

If I hadn't met [REDACTED], and you hadn't so much confidence in her, I think both of us would have reached the conclusion that the therapy sessions should have been over a long time ago. When the day comes when you no longer have those sessions, you'll probably wonder what to do with all of your time!

It was good to hear that you were planning to make a retreat in October with the priests in the Archdiocese. I think that will give you a chance to meet some of them and perhaps establish some friendships. Don't establish too many, however, as I like you better home-sick!

It seems strange to be talking about Christmas already, but will you plan on coming home at that time?

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It's only a few more months away.

Oh, by the way, I almost forgot and you probably won't believe this. The day your letter arrived was the day we finished our bishops' retreat. I was "packing" my suitcase at the retreat house. I threw a pair of socks in the suitcase and guess what, I hurt my back again. This time I was determined to do something about it right away, so I called an osteopath the next day and went over to get the "treatment." Everybody should visit an osteopath! He had me to lie on my left side, raise my right leg in the air, put my left leg down below the table between his legs, raise my right arm over my head, and then somehow he grabbed me and said, "You're very tight!" I said, "No kidding!" I could hardly keep from falling off the table with laughter. He snapped my back one way, but couldn't snap it the other way. He then gave me some medication, which gave me stomach cramps for two days, but I guess it made me forget a little bit about the pain in my back! At any rate, it didn't do any good, but I got some different medication and in about 10 - 11 days I was O.K again. I must be allergic to you, or at least I get a reaction from you!

I dedicated Jim Curtin's new church a few weeks ago. It is really beautiful and he is like a ten year old with a new bike.

Now for all the news. You probably heard that [redacted] died. He had an aneurysm and lasted about 10 days after it burst. He was really a good man and I will miss his bluntness. You might keep [redacted] in your prayers. He went up to Guest House a few weeks ago and seems to be doing well. I guess any other news right now is kind of minor, although by the time this letter gets typed, there is no telling what might happen.

Know that you are in my prayers each day and I hope that you remember me in yours along with your Archbishop, John. Peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
700 Oddstad Boulevard
Pacifica, California 94044

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October 23, 1986

Dear Bishop French:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter I got from [REDACTED] - it's a hard letter to read with what seems to me to be a clear cut message. As long as I'm outside the State of Illinois the statute of limitations isn't running and his advice is not to return so that the statute doesn't run out at all. I can't see how that allows me to think at all about ever returning. I'd like to get your thoughts on all this - and rather than wait till December when I'll come home, I'll give you a call in a few days & we can talk a little - I think that would really help me.

In other areas things are going well. The parish is wonderful and I'm getting more & more involved in ministry of all sorts here. I'm in the process of revamping the parish Council and that's put me in contact with some resource people at The Chancery. Also trying to get something going in adult ed has kept me more than occupied.

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I was on retreat last week with about 50 other priests. The retreat house, Vallombrosa, in Menlo Park, is a beautiful spot. Bishop Bill Skyles of Yakima, Washington, gave the retreat - not too bad. One of the best parts was being with the priests and making some friendships. I'm certain that will handle some of the loneliness I sometimes feel. It was good, too, just to be able to spend time in prayer - it had been 2 years since my last retreat and the time for reflection was necessary. Recently [REDACTED] & I have been talking about me getting a spiritual director & last week I decided to follow through with searching one out. There is a Benedictine Priory in Woodside, not far from here, and I'm going to check to see if there is someone good there.

I still have good and bad days, just like the rest of the world - but I think I'm handling them better than before. In so many ways this whole experience has given me a new look at living life - so in the long run I'm even grateful for the terrible day. I'm certain the Lord has been with me & continues to watch out for me - I depend on Him to do so. And I continue depending on your support and your prayers - you've got mine -
 Fred

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ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
700 Oddstad Boulevard
Pacifica, California 94044
Tel. No. 359-6313

000302 -A-

March 4, 1987

Dear Bishop:

This being Ash Wednesday - I'm between services as well as therapy - I see [REDACTED] this afternoon. This morning I said Mass at Mercy High School in San Francisco - about 900 girls. Later this afternoon I have a service for 1st, 3rd, & 6th grade rel. ed. students - just a regular day on the west coast.

The purpose of this note, really, is to thank you for coming out here to visit. I've not once doubted your concern for me, and your being here just reinforced what I've felt for a long time. I have to say, as well, that I'm glad you were able to get away from the diocese for a few

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days with everything that's going on there. I can only imagine that there are still going to be difficult days ahead. Know that I pray for you that the Lord continue being your strength, and your source of peace.

The parish staff was really pleased to have you here. I think each one asked, prior to your coming if I was anxious about you being here. They found it hard to believe when I said no. I think, after spending a little while with you, they understood - you are you - and that's good. (Is this becoming somekind of psychological analysis?)

Anyway, I'm glad you came out - it made me feel good. Hope Santa Barbara was good for you; I hope to get down there sometime.

Please continue in your prayers for me - I depend on them.

Fred

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HOUSE OF AFFIRMATION, INC. 000312

International Therapeutic Center for Clergy and Religious

June 15, 1987

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch, D.D.
425 Summit Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Dear Bishop Imesch,

This letter is to inform you that with the closing of the House of Affirmation, Montara, I will now be seeing Father Fred Lenczycki in my private practice. I will be bound by the limits of confidentiality and will need a written release from Father Lenczycki to write or speak to you in the future.

Father Lenczycki has been doing well in his parish and in treatment with me. If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at:

[Redacted]

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

[Redacted], Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist

[Redacted] /el

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ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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 Pacifica, California 94044

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August 29, 1988

Dear Bishop Jonesch:

Happy 9th - a day late. You've heard this before, but I need to tell you again how appreciative I am of all your support - especially during the last few years. Knowing that you were behind me honestly made a difference - made me feel hopeful that everything would turn out alright. As time passes and my perspective seems clearer I realize even more how much I depended on your being there for me. Thanks.

Wednesday afternoon I'm going to St. Mary's Cathedral to Bishop Matthew Clark make a presentation on the women's pastoral letter. Sister Nancy Reynolds who is on the Marriage Tribunal and a member of our parish put this together. She said she was glad to hear I was coming so that there would be at least one man in the audience. It hadn't dawned on me that essentially women would be interested - I would think men, and especially priests, would need to know what's contained in the letter. I'm looking forward to hearing him.

Thursday I'm flying home for a few days. I'll get a wedding of a guy I taught at St. Charles at St. Margaret Mary, Naperville. [REDACTED] has been most hospitable and very helpful. The wedding is Saturday and he's taken care of the papers & the preparation and will be there at the rehearsal Friday. He's a good guy.

We are breaking ground for the new church building on Nov. 20th. I've arranged to have Archbishop Justin Lee for the ceremony since this will be the first church to be built since he's been in San Francisco. It continues being an interesting experience working on this project - both a learning and at times a frustrating experience. One really good thing is that we are about to begin Renew in the Archdiocese, so we've tied the Renew program into the building of the church. Our first large group program will be the ground breaking. The parish is really looking forward to this day.

I was really sorry to hear about [REDACTED] death. I know his life wasn't the easiest - he should a lot of the difficulty he had endured with me a few years ago. I'm glad he's finally at peace - though I wish it would have come in life or well.

When I saw you in July you asked about Tony Rose. I'd only spoken with him once briefly on the phone prior to my coming home since mid July when I returned here. I've seen him quite often - almost weekly. I have to be really honest with you and tell you that from my perspective Tony is having a tough time. Not being able to function as a priest has placed a heavy burden on him. I don't claim to understand exactly why this move to Santa Rosa is so important to him, but seemingly it is. It's my two bit opinion that he needs to work here as a priest in order to "get it out of his system." What seems to me also to be

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Complicating the situation is that Tony's been told by both the bishop and vicar general that if given the OK by you they would give him an assignment.

I don't claim to understand you thinking concerning Tony's situation either, especially since you told me it wasn't a vocation issue. Yet as I've listened to Tony I've sometimes felt that it could become a vocation issue - and that concerns me.

I hope you won't consider me out of line in sharing my feelings about Tony with you. One of the things the House of Affirmation as well as my continuing therapy have done (I hope positively) is encourage me to ^{be} straight with people.

I'm not going to tell Tony I've written this to you - nor would I want him to know it from you. I've been concerned about Tony for a while already and I felt I had to share my observations with you.

I hope you're doing well - and the diocese is doing well too. I'll be making my retreat here in October rather than at Mundelein as I did last year. I'll miss being with the Joliet priests. By the way, I'm a member of a Jesus Caritas group. We meet once a month and it's turned into a great hour already.

Be assured of my prayers for you that the Lord grant you insight and peace each day. I depend on your prayers as well.

Fred

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Is there someone in the Archdiocese to whom you will be responsible? *No*

Name, address, position:

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Nota Bene: If one of the reasons for being in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis is for medical or psychological reasons, this application should be accompanied by a statement from the attending professional indicating that in his/her professional opinion the applicant is medically and psychologically qualified for pastoral work in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis.

Frederick A. Lenczycki
(Signature)

ATTESTATION OF ORDINARY OR SUPERIOR

(REQUIRED in every case)

I attest that the priest submitting this request is a priest of Diocese of Joliet, IL (Diocese or Community). He is in the Archdiocese for the reason indicated in his request, and I know of no reason why he should not be permitted to perform priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis.

John J. [Signature]
Signature of Ordinary or Superior

Address:

PLEASE INFORM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT LOUIS OF ANY CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF THIS PRIEST WHILE HE IS IN SAINT LOUIS.

Return to: Archdiocese of Saint Louis
Office of the Chancellor
4445 Lindell Boulevard
Saint Louis, Missouri 63108

Rescript from Chancellor

THIS PERMISSION EXPIRES _____ (DATE)

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JOHN DOE

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ADDRESS

Sept. 10, 1995

Dear Bishop,

You may remember me from years ago, particularly when I was a high school seminarian for the Diocese of Joliet between 1978 and 1980. After the closing of the seminary I attended Driscoll Catholic High School. Since then I attended the University of X and joined the Religious Community. I was ordained a priest for the X Province of X in April of 1980

Presently I am seeking further healing and growth at St. X. Much of my pain stems from a period of sexual molestations that occurred at St. Charles Borromeo High School Seminary and at the Cathedral Rectory. The first incident took place in the spring semester of 1979, initiated by Reverend Frederick Lenczycki under the guise of psychological research he was conducting for a graduate student friend. During our sessions, he would perform various types of massage to my naked body and conclude by manipulating my penis until I reached orgasm. Afterward he had me write down my thoughts and feelings. Several more incidents followed through the summer and the beginning of the fall semester. I was saddened to discover in 1995 that he is still listed in active ministry here in St. Louis.

In the fall of 1979, Reverend Lawrence Mullins sexually abused me during the sacrament of reconciliation and a second time in his room at the Cathedral rectory. These two incidents were extremely painful because during the first one I was trying to extricate myself from the secrecy trap Father Lenczycki had entangled me. The second incident took place at a moment of incredible vulnerability. The Dean Mr. Block found me standing at the bulletin board crying uncontrollably

In his effort to help me, he called Father Mullins, a friend to many of the seminarians. To my horror, Father Mullins sought to seduce me once in his room. Amazingly, I was able to stop my tears and fight him off. I demanded he take me back to the seminary. This ended my encounters with either of them, but also left me isolated in my shame, confusion and immense hurt.

Fortunately, I am at a place of healing now. My anger runs deep; only matched by my incredible sadness. As I overcome my shame and hurt, I am finding it possible to let go and trust you have or will do what is necessary for these priests and to protect others. I trust you will maintain my confidence in regard to these sensitive areas of my past. If you wish to contact me, my address is above.

Sincerely Yours

Rev. JOHN DOE

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*I called DOE on Sept 18th and spoke
to him. On the 19th I spoke to
him and will contact DOE*

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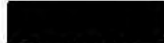


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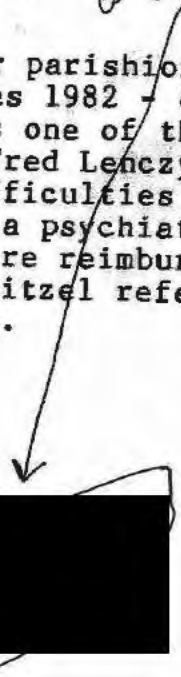
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Bishop

Mrs. [redacted] - former parishioner
of St. Isaac Jogues 1982 - 86
called. Her son was one of those
involved with Fr. Fred Lenczycki. Her son
has been having difficulties & was
now enroute to see a psychiatrist. She
called Fr. Weitzel re reimbursement for
expenses and Fr. Weitzel referred
her to the Chancery.



1-8-96
1:15 p.m.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

MEMORANDUM

January 8, 1996

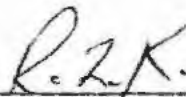
TO: Sister Judith Davies, O.S.F.

FROM: Bishop Roger Kaffer

Mrs. [REDACTED], whose son is [REDACTED], 23 years old and just graduated from college, spoke to his parents over the weekend. He broke down and said that he has been having great difficulty over a problem with Father Fred Lenczycki some years ago, dreaming about it and waking up at night and feels that he needs help. He contacted a psychologist/attorney and his parents said they thought he should see a psychiatrist. As we spoke he was enroute to Springfield to see a psychiatrist, as I understand it. [REDACTED] has a part-time job but neither he nor his parents feel they should have to pay for this.

I told her, as [REDACTED] had, that you ordinarily take care of such calls and that we have a Review Committee that handles such matters. I told her to send the bill for this first visit to you and in the meantime I would alert you to bring it through the proper channels and get it to the Committee.

She said she did not know if he would need 1 or 21 visits or whatever. I told her that I would be out of town studying Spanish for the next two weeks but you would be here later this week and I would alert you. I gave her your name and address. I did not get her address but here is her phone number [REDACTED]



Most Reverend Roger L. Kaffer

cc-Bishop Joseph Imesch

[REDACTED]

January 9, 1996

Dear Bishop Kaffer,

We were parishioners of St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Hinsdale from 1982-1986. Father Kacker was Pastor and Father Fred was stationed there during this time. Father Fred abused our son, [REDACTED] along with several others. We spoke with Father Kacker privately and attended group meetings regarding this most serious time. We were instructed and reassured that any attention [REDACTED] may need would be taken care of by the Diocese.

As per our phone conversation, on Jan. 8, 1996, I am enclosing copies of [REDACTED]'s bill from the [REDACTED] Clinic in Springfield. I am also enclosing his future appointment dates. This is a very costly matter, both financially and emotionally for our entire family.

We believe [REDACTED] is entitled to full cooperation from the Diocese now and in the future.

We will instruct the [REDACTED] Clinic to bill you directly

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henceforth.

We certainly hope to hear
from you by return mail regarding
this matter!

Sincerely,



P.S. You may direct this letter
to whom it may need be,
to take prompt attention
regarding this matter.

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Diocese of Joliet

Chancery

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425 Summit St.
Joliet, Illinois 60435

815-722-6606
Fax 815-722-6602

January 17, 1996

Mr. [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

In an effort monitor health services for you, our Diocesan Review Committee has requested that both Dr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] provide a confidential outpatient evaluation and treatment report to the Chair of the Case Management Committee.

Enclosed are copies of a release form for you to sign and forward to Dr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED]. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter which I have sent to them.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Judith A. Davies, OSF.

Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

cc: Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]

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425 Summit St.
Joliet, Illinois 60435

815-722-6606
Fax 815-722-6602

January 17, 1996

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Clinic
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

In an effort to monitor therapeutic services for Mr. [REDACTED], the Joliet Diocesan Review Committee has requested that a confidential outpatient evaluation and treatment report be sent to the Chair of the Therapy Case Management Subcommittee at the Chancery, 425 Summit Street, Joliet, Illinois, 60435, as soon as possible. A form for this report is enclosed for your convenience. Mr. [REDACTED] will be providing you with a signed authorization to release his records.

Your efforts in assisting us to evaluate and determine the future health care needs of your client are very much appreciated.

Please contact me should you have any questions about our procedure.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Judith A. Davies, OSF

Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

Enclosure

cc: Mr. [REDACTED]

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Chancery

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Joliet, Illinois 60435

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January 17, 1996

Dr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Clinic
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

Enclosure

cc: Mr. [REDACTED]

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January 31, 1996

Dr. [REDACTED]

Joliet, IL 60435

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

Enclosed are reports from the psychiatrist and the psychologist who are providing therapy for John Doe.

I will await your reply as to whether the number of visits requested by each of the mental health professionals will receive authorization.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

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Chancery

425 Summit St.
Joliet, Illinois 60435

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February 8, 1996

Dr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Clinic
[REDACTED]

Dear Dr. [REDACTED],

The mental health professional reviewing Mr. [REDACTED]'s case has requested more information before he can make a recommendation for further therapy. He has asked for a legible copy of your initial evaluation of Mr. [REDACTED] as well as any notes regarding his case. This should include detailed information concerning the patient's current symptoms, how these symptoms are interfering with his ability to function, as well as the relation of the symptoms to sexual abuse.

Please send the requested information to the Chair of the Therapy Case Management Subcommittee at the Chancery, 425 Summit Street, Joliet, Illinois, 60435, as soon as possible.

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With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

cc: Mr. [REDACTED]

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Diocese of Joliet

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Chancery

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February 8, 1996

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Clinic
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

cc: Mr. [REDACTED]

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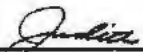
February 21, 1996

A call was received from Mr. [REDACTED] after hours on February 15, 1996. The following day at 8:50 a.m. when I returned his call, his wife said he would call me around noon.

When Mr. [REDACTED] called on February 16, he stated that his son did not want any test results sent nor any notes sent; there was a concern on the part of the son about maintaining confidentiality. Mr. [REDACTED] explained that when the events occurred, it was a very disconcerting time for the family. He added that the pastor at the time assured him and his wife that should there be a need for therapy, they would only need to contact the Chancery.

I explained that Dr. [REDACTED] had requested the test results as well as notes so that he could better make a judgement about number of visits, etc. Mr. [REDACTED] said that his son might possibly consider a telephone conversation between the son's doctor and Dr. [REDACTED] rather than anything written being sent.

I confirmed that bills from the psychologist and psychiatrist should continue to be sent to the Chancery.



Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

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JUNE 25, 1997

Dear Father,

Just recently a lawsuit was filed with an allegation against Father Fred Lenczycki for something that was said to have occurred in 1984. We have been aware of this pending claim, but have not been able to reach a mutually agreeable solution. Please keep Father Fred and the young man who filed the lawsuit in your prayers.

Bishop Kaffer came through his surgery wonderfully well. He appreciates your prayers and asks that you keep him in mind during these next several days.

Bishop Imesch

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Catholic diocese sued in alleged molestation

JOLIET — An unidentified man has filed suit against the Joliet Catholic Diocese claiming one of its priests sexually molested him in the early 1980s.

The man, identified only as "John Doe," filed the case in Will County court against the diocese, Bishop Joseph Imesch and the Rev. Fred Lenczyski, the priest who allegedly molested him.

Lenczyski was assigned to the St. Isaac Jogues parish in Hinsdale, which is where the molestation is alleged to have taken place on 20 or 30 occasions in 1982, 1983 and 1984. The alleged victim was aged 9 through 11 when the incidents occurred.

The suit says the victim psychologically repressed his memories of the abuse until September 1995. It seeks unspecified damages more than \$50,000 for psychological problems, embarrassment and post-traumatic stress syndrome, among other things.

Sister Judith Davies, spokesman for the diocese, said in a prepared statement that Lenczyski was removed immediately from the parish when the diocese became aware of complaints against him in 1984.

— By Jon Schatz

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At the time the diocese first learned of complaints against Father Lenczycki in 1984, immediate action was taken. A meeting was held with parishioners to inform them of the complaints and to provide professional assistance if requested. Father Lenczycki was immediately removed from the parish. Because of the pending lawsuit, any further comments would not be proper.

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January 4, 2000

Reverend Frederick Lenczycki
St. Blaise Parish
3130 Parkwood Lane
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Dear Fred,

I am dictating this letter on Christmas day as I am driving to Detroit to be with my family. This won't be transcribed, however, until the week of January 2nd when you expect to be home. I decided to write to you, even though I hope that we might have a chance to get together while you are at home, but I know how many places there are to go and how many people you need to see when you are at home. So, if we did not get together, I still like you.

I enjoyed reading about the goals you set for yourself. They sound very realistic to me. Now that you have begun working out with some regularity, you deserve to reward yourself by eating heartily. Once you start working out you discover how many unused muscles you have. I am riding my bike fairly regularly, but I experience some strange aches and pains when I get up from a chair at night! I probably need to get a little more physical with my exercise.

When I read your hospital's financial picture, I got a little heartburn! How long can they sustain that kind of a loss. I presume that someone is working to turn that around. That is a lot of money to recoup!

Nice going on the articles you have written. It is good that you do that. Obviously, the efforts you are making are getting results and it is good to be able to share those with others.

January 4, 2000

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I did not know that you were a Frank Lloyd Wright fan! You probably have visited all of the homes that he has designed in Oak Park. I think it is Oak Park, isn't it? Father Bill Dugal grew up in one of those homes and his family has it. In fact, I think Frank Lloyd Wright designed my home, although there is some dispute about that!

Things are going well in the diocese. We had a great 50th anniversary celebration as well as my 25th as a bishop. While it was a great celebration and fun, I do not think anyone wants to put another one on for sometime.

I imagine you stay caught up on all of the diocesan news, so I won't offer any, besides I would not know what to point out. I did see Larry Mullins in November in Washington at the Bishops' meeting. We had a quick lunch. He looks great and has lost a lot of weight. He seems to be enjoying his job and I think he does very well at it.

By the time you get this Y2K will have come and gone, hopefully without incident. I certainly do not expect any major snuffs.

Despite a couple of physical difficulties this past year, I think I would settle for a repeat of '99, rather than take my chances on what 2000 will bring. I guess we do not get that option, however. Oh well, whatever the Lord wants!

You sound so good in your letter and I am glad to hear that. I think you have wrapped yourself around the hospital or the hospital has wrapped itself around you!

Stay well and let us keep each other in prayer.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch

Sept. 27

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Dear Bishop Innesch:

I'm in Mt. Vernon, Ill (about 100 miles east of St Louis) facilitating employee focus groups at Good Samaritan Hospital. Our Hospital System is going through this 3 year process & I've had the opportunity to go to a number of our system hospitals since 1997. I've wanted to write you for a while and since I'm in between groups I've got the opportunity.

Let me begin by saying I'm doing pretty well. I love my ministry in the hospital and though St. Louis is not my favorite city I'm exceedingly happy at DePaul Health Center. On Sept. 8th I began my 9th year at DePaul.

Of course the most difficult aspect of my life is the legal cloud that continues to hang over me. This has gone on for a long time and I wish it were over. There's not a day that goes by when it's not in my brain somewhere. I've gotten great support from my family, some friends that I've told, my spiritual director and [REDACTED] the president of the hospital.

If there has been any good for me that's come out of this situation it's this. When I was at the House of Representatives one thing I was told was that I'd never know how I'd affected the individuals I'd had contact with. Recently, however, with the threat of this going to court, my attorney suggested I have an independent expert witness, a psychologist from Ann Arbor, MI whose dealt with cases like mine, interview the guy whose brought the complaint

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against me. [REDACTED], my attorney, said it was a necessary gamble in that he would be completely independent. I guess this Dr. [REDACTED] read all the depositions and then spent a day testing & interviewing [REDACTED]. His rather lengthy report states that ultimately I did no permanent damage to Mr. [REDACTED]. I can't tell you how pleased & even to read that. The threat of my case going to court is still there, but at least my actions, though wrong, in this case seemingly inflicted no lasting harm. For this I'm grateful to God.

There are a number of Sisters who have moved into the nursing home portion of our campus at DePaul. One of them, Sr. Veronica, a daughter of Charity, was a chaplain when I came to DePaul. She asked how to pray for my "special intention" and everytime I see her she reminds me that she is praying for me and that I need to remember that God is taking care of me. She never told her what my special intention is - and she's never asked - but her prayer, and the prayer of others, and particularly her words to me, keep me going in the midst of all this. I know she said it before, but I depend on your prayer too and am grateful to you for remembering me. You told me a long time ago that you pray for me by name - I have since done that for you & for others. My prayer now is that there be a resolution to all this without the case going to court.

The group is starting to gather for the next forum group. I'd love to tell you all the good that's going on - cause that's more of that than anything else. It's just the emotional and

financial expenditure ones then sure that take its toll.
But the majority of my life is involved in very practical
things / projects - many having to do with people living
with life threatening illness & other end of life issues.
I'm honestly grateful to be where I am and to be
ministering as I am. I keep on reminding myself what
Sr. Veronica says - that God loves me.

I hope you are good as you've begun your 21st
year on Joliet's beat. At some point too, maybe once
all this legal stuff is over, will be able to sit down and
talk - how about dinner on me?

Thanks for your prayers & support. you have
been & still are a blessing to me.

Fred

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JOHN DOE,

Address

May 4, 2002

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Instead, they took the recommendation of Fr. Slade, [REDACTED] that instead he should received counseling from "Fr. Fred" who was at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Romeoville. "Fr. Fred" was studying psychology.

Mr. Doe saw "Fr. Fred" a total of 5 times between the end of 4th grade and the beginning of 5th grade. There were 2 sessions in the living room at the seminary and 2 sessions in the bedroom where the abuse took place. At session 5, Mr. Doe stated that he stood up to "Fr. Fred", telling him that he wasn't coming back. Mr. [REDACTED] told his parents of the abuse, but he wasn't believed and was beaten for what he said.

[REDACTED]

Mr. Doe wants this to be kept confidential. He does not want Fr. Slade's name to be mentioned. He just wants "Fr. Fred" to stop hurting anyone else.

[REDACTED]

He wants to meet with the Bishop and someone from the Review Committee at the same time so he doesn't have to tell his story twice.

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MEMO (Review Committee)

Re: Doe
Case known as "John Doe / Fr. Fred"

Some Background:

On 05-04-02, "John Doe" contacted the Chancery to report his story of sexual abuse by a "Fr. Fred" when "John Doe" was at the end of 4th grade and at the beginning of 5th grade. [REDACTED] He was wanting to keep his story confidential but wanted "Fr. Fred" to be kept from hurting anyone else. "John" was wanting to meet with the Bishop and someone from the Review Committee at the same time so he wouldn't have to tell his story twice. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Because Cynthia is an addictions specialist on the Committee, she was asked at the 05-14-02 Committee meeting, to sit in on "John's" telling his story to Bishop Imesch.

Summary:

Because "John Doe" wanted confidentiality, and just wanted to be "listened to", notes were not taken during his 2 hour meeting with Bishop Imesch and Cynthia Power, on Friday, June 2, at St. Charles Borromeo Ministry Center. It was not until the last 1/2 hour that "John" volunteered his name, Doe. At that time, he also walked Bishop Imesch and Cynthia Power down a corridor of St. Charles Borromeo and pointed out pictures of the two priests he was discussing: "Father X", who made the referral for psychotherapy, was a Father Slade; the identified offender, "Father Fred", was pointed out as Fr. Fred Lenczycki.

[REDACTED]

Father recommended Doe see a Fr. Fred, who was studying counseling, and resided at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Doe remembered seeing Fr. Fred only five times and vividly remembered the horrible beating his parents gave him when Doe tried to resist returning to Fr. Fred. "My parents simply didn't believe me, that I didn't like his kind of help, and believed that I was the problem."

Doe reported, when Fr. Fred took him into Father's bedroom for one of the sessions, that Fr. Fred was learning about a new kind of therapy. With tear-filled eyes and slowed speech, Doe described the "new therapy" as Doe having to lie on Fr. Fred's bed, without pants on, and have his genitals manipulated. At the second session of this "new therapy",

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Doe recalls standing up to Fr. Fred, telling him that he, Doe, was never returning.



Initially, Doe exhibited noticeable anxiety. While this state is most understandable, from the viewpoint of what he had to relate to the two listeners, it was also exacerbated by the fact the listening sessions were taking place at St. Charles Borromeo Center ("scene of the crime") and in the Retreat Master's Suite, which contained a bed and bathroom set up much as Fr. Fred's room had been. Interestingly, by the end of Doe's lengthy sharing, he became more relaxed and spoke of the room as "feeling safer now that the truth has come out."

Doe was commended for his sharing, [redacted] and was offered Counseling paid for by the Diocese. Doe stated [redacted] before deciding about counseling. Doe asked questions about Fr. Fred's whereabouts, and what was being done to him. Doe had read some recent newspaper reporting Fr. Fred was already removed from ministry for multiple other allegations). Bishop Imesch answered all questions fully. Bishop offered him a small cross to carry in his pocket as a reminder both of the Church's repentance for what Doe has suffered and the Church's on-going availability to help. Cynthia accompanied Doe to the parking lot, discussing both [redacted]

Cynthia presented the results of the listening session to the Review Committee at the 06-04-02 meeting.

Submitted,

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Addendum

06-28-02

Re: John Doe / Fr. Fred

(Doe)
(phone)

On 06-26-02, Sister Judith Davies phoned Cynthia Power, reporting that Doe had called, stating that it was 21 days since he had spoken with Bishop Imesch and Cynthia and that he was now wanting therapy for anger management. Sister was requesting Cynthia to contact Doe and give him some names of therapists he might see.

On 06-27-02, Cynthia reached Doe . He described now experiencing some guilt that he hadn't been able to speak more forcefully at age 12 and stop "that man" from doing further harm. He also verbalized he was experiencing a lot of anger, reflecting more and more of what he had suffered from Fr. Fred. Cynthia then referred 2 possible therapists, for him to see, who could help him with the trauma, his addiction recovery and his anger management:

- [Redacted] in Joliet
- [Redacted] in Naperville

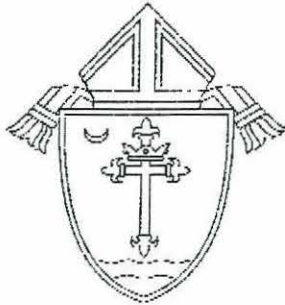
When Doe asked what was now going on with "Fred", Cynthia reassured him that Fr. Fred was no longer practicing ministry and that all records connected with his case have been turned over to the States Attorney. Doe said he may, on his own, check out with the States Attorney to see what was happening with "Fred".

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April 23, 2002

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**STATEMENT OF BISHOP TIMOTHY DOLAN
REGARDING FATHER TED LENCZYCKI**

ST. LOUIS — The following statement is from Bishop Timothy Dolan regarding the Rev. Fred Lenczycki:

“An allegation of sexual abuse of a minor in the 1980s by Father Fred Lenczycki, a priest of the diocese of Joliet, Illinois, was brought to the attention of the Archdiocese of St. Louis last month. The diocese of Joliet was immediately contacted and he was recalled to Joliet.

“Since the early 1990s Father Lenczycki had been serving as chaplain of DePaul Health Center. Archdiocesan records contain nothing pertaining to the original allegation. There has been no evidence and are no complaints in the St. Louis Archdiocese regarding Father Lenczycki.

“While in St. Louis, Father Lenczycki resided at a number of parishes. Among them were St. Blaise Parish in Maryland Heights, North American Martyrs Parish in Florissant, and St. George Parish in Gardenville. Father Lenczycki was sometimes known as Father “Lenz” because of the difficulties some people had in pronouncing his name.

“The Archdiocese acted promptly when it learned of the allegation in this situation. Such action underscores our primary goal of protecting children and their families from harm by those in whom they put their trust.”

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Contrary to published reports, the Diocese of Joliet did inform officials of the Archdiocese of St. Louis of a previously processed allegation of misconduct with minors involving Father Fred Lenczycki. Bishop Joseph Imesch recalls speaking with the then-Archbishop of St. Louis, John May, prior to his appointment as chaplain of a Catholic hospital in St. Louis.

Father Lenczycki was removed from St. Isaac Jogues parish in Hinsdale, Ill., in 1984 following reports made to the Diocese of Joliet of an allegation of misconduct with minors. Father Lenczycki subsequently underwent professional counseling.

In addition to informing Archbishop May, Bishop Imesch directed Father Lenczycki to inform the hospital administration of his past. Bishop Imesch confirmed that the hospital had been informed.

Sexual abuse of minors is a tragedy. The Diocese of Joliet takes this issue seriously. We have had a series of policies in place since 1990. We will continue to do everything in our power to ensure that no child is at risk.

FR. LENCZYCKI SCAN FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET NO. 000432

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Imesch stayed silent about priest's record

St. Louis officials had no idea chaplain was accused of molesting 9 altar boys

By Allison Hantschel
Staff writer *Stown* 4/23

A priest accused of molesting nine altar boys in the Joliet diocese was allowed to serve in St. Louis for a decade, celebrating mass in a parish where no one knew his past.

When officials in the St. Louis Roman Catholic church learned of the complaints against the Rev. Fred Lenczycki, however, they called Bishop Joseph Imesch and told him to take his priest back.

"Within the last month, we came aware of an allegation of sexual abuse in his past, and I asked that he be recalled to Joliet," said Archdiocese of St. Louis spokeswoman Terry Edelmann. "That was the first we ever heard of anything in his past."

Even though Lenczycki was pulled out of St. Isaac Jogues parish in Hinsdale in 1984 after children accused him of fondling them, Imesch endorsed the priest when he went to the St. Louis church.

"He had a positive recommendation from his bishop," Edelmann said. "That meant we had no reason to suspect there was anything wrong."

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FOUR OTHER PRIESTS accused of sexual misconduct while in the Joliet diocese have been removed from their posts:

April 8: The Rev. Gary Berthiaume is removed from ministry in a west suburban hospital and parish after the Southtown reported that he had been convicted of molestation and had pending allegations against him in Cleveland.

April 12: The Rev. Phillip Deder, a chaplain at Edward Hospital in Naperville and at St. Patrick nursing home in Naperville, is removed from ministry after allegations of abuse from the 1970s were received.

April 16: The Rev. Carroll Howlin, who taught at St. Charles Borromeo seminary in Romeoville, is accused by a former student of abusing the boy while on a trip to Kentucky to do mission work.

April 17: The Rev. Anthony Ross is removed from a prison chaplain program in California after a 15-year-old Joliet boy accused Ross of abusing him on three occasions in 1981.

restrictions were placed on his ministry there. He saw patients of all ages.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis placed Lenczycki in DePaul Health Center, a 128-year-old facility that houses more than 450 patients. He worked there for the next 10 years without any restrictions, Edelmann said.

In addition to his hospital work, Lenczycki resided at St. Blaise, a parish with a school about 15 miles northwest of St. Louis. He said mass there regularly.

Officials at St. Blaise could not be reached for comment.

The Daily Southtown reported Sunday that Imesch did not believe it was his duty to inform the hospitals of Lenczycki's past. Imesch told the Southtown the hospitals had been aware of the priest's actions, however.

Diocese of Joliet officials did not return calls seeking comment Monday.

Lenczycki, Imesch and the Joliet diocese were sued in 1997 by one of the priest's alleged victims. Edelmann said the St. Louis archdiocese had been unaware of that lawsuit.

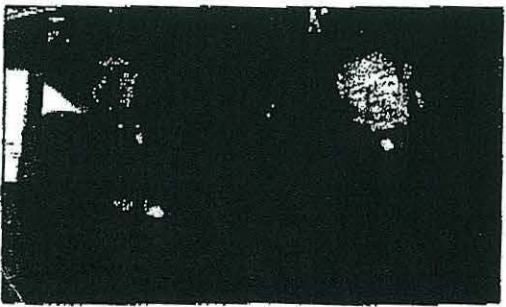
There are no pending allegations of abuse against Lenczycki in Missouri. The lawsuit against him was settled in 1998 for an undisclosed sum of money.

Last month, shortly before Lenczycki was recalled, diocesan attorneys convinced a judge to seal records in the lawsuit against him. The judge agreed over the objections of the victim's attorney, who said his client's accusations and the diocese's response should not be kept secret.

Southtown religion writer Allison Hantschel may be reached at ahantschel@dailyouthtown.com or (708) 633-5998.

Cardinals at odds

American prelates are divided on how to deal with the scandal as they prepare for meeting at the Vatican.
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May 31, 2002

Most Reverend Timothy Dolan, D.D.
Vicar General
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4445 Lindell Boulevard
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Dear Tim,

Thanks so much for your letter. I really appreciated your kind comments.

This is certainly a difficult time for the Church, perhaps especially so for bishops. Everyone is into damage control. I just felt badly that the archdiocese accomplished that at my expense. That may have saved the archdiocese some embarrassment but it certainly created a very difficult situation for me. It was very disturbing to have the archdiocese wash its hands to protect itself. In my heart, I know what I did, and I think there is evidence to prove that, and so I am able to be at peace with myself in spite of the newspaper reports. My public persona, at least for those who do not know me, certainly suffered.

I do appreciate your letter and your kind comments. Hopefully, this sad situation will soon begin to improve.

I look forward to seeing you in Texas. Prayers and best wishes,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

([REDACTED] dep. P. 31 - 32)

The Plaintiff was too embarrassed, guilty feeling and fearful of discipline to tell his parents that he had been abused by Father Lenczycki. (Plaintiff dep. P. 98) He never had any conversations when he was a child with his parents about Father Fred and the abuse he suffered. (Plaintiff dep. P. 113) He denied anything had happened because of his fear and his guilt. (Plaintiff dep. P. 116) He was also embarrassed by what had occurred and did not tell his brothers or anyone else. (Plaintiff dep. P. 117 - 122) His parents asked him many times about it. (Plaintiff dep. P. 116)

The Plaintiff's memory of what happened at St. Isaac Jogues with Father Fred was repressed when his family moved to [REDACTED] and he did not remember what happened approximately two years prior to the deposition.

Bishop Imesch knew that Father Fred should not be involved with the counseling of boys after December 4, 1984. (Imesch dep. P. 57 - 59; 74 - 75) Bishop Imesch knew that Father Fred was involved in counseling of persons at a hospital in St. Louis and that he was in pastoral care. However, in spite of the fact Bishop Imesch was a supervisor of Father Fred, he did not think it was his duty to notify the hospital where Father Fred worked of Lenczycki's past experience with boys. (Imesch dep. P. 74) The Bishop could not say whether or not Father Fred was involved in the counseling of children.. (Imesch dep. P. 75 - 76) Father Fred still works under the auspices of Bishop Imesch of the Diocese of Joliet. (Imesch dep. P. 77)

With regard to his present employment, Father Fred told his employer at the hospital where he works that he had been accused of wrong doing at St. Isaac Jogues but that he had not done anything to the boys. (Lenczycki dep. P. 161 - 162) Also, he had not told his previous employer in St. Louis, Deaconess Hospital that anything had occurred with regard to children

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at St. Isaac Jogues. (Lenczycki dep. P. 162 - 163) He also told the parish where he lives in St. Louis that he was accused of doing something at St. Isaac Jogues but that he never did anything wrong. (Lenczycki dep. P. 162 - 163)

Contrary to the statements of Bishop Imesch, Father Fred Lenczycki's duties at his present job in St. Louis as Manager of Pastoral Care Department includes counseling of children. There is no restriction on the patients which he sees. (Lenczycki dep. P. 4 - 6) His present employer is DePaul Health Center. (Lenczycki dep. P. 6) He was also in Clinical Pastoral Education at Deaconess Hospital and the range of patients he saw there was from birth through elderly years. He saw children in that job also. (Lenczycki dep. P. 8 - 9)

TOLLING OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

The discovery rule is a judicially established rule. *Weitherell vs. Weimer* 85 Ill 2d 146 (1981). Under the discovery rule, the statute of limitations is tolled until a person knows or reasonably should know of his injury and that it was wrongfully caused. Plaintiff pleads in his cause of action that he did not know nor reasonably should have know of his injury or its cause until on or about September 10, 1995, at which time his memory of the sexual abuse at the hands of Father Fred Lenczycki and the negligent complicity of Father Donald Kocher and the other Defendants returned.

The Illinois discovery rule applies to a non-perpetrator of sexual abuse. The codification of sexual abuse under 202.2 does not abrogate the discovery rule vis a vis non-perpetrators.

Plaintiff argues the case of *Hawley vs. Kenley* (1994, 3d) 261 Ill App 3d 307, 310, 634 N.E. 2d 20, 23. However, in the *Hawley* case, the factual basis on which the Court made it's ruling was conclusively different from the facts in this cause. In *Hawley*, the Court noted that the Plaintiff had known of her sexual abuse at the hands of the Grandfather and with the

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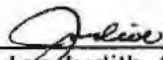
TO: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch
FROM: Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
RE: Reverend Fred Lenczycki

This afternoon I spoke with Father Fred Lenczycki about the article that had appeared in today's issue of the *Daily Southtown*. I told him that [REDACTED] called yesterday, telling us that the paper had received information about other allegations during Father's time in California (1985-1991) and that those allegations were forwarded to the San Mateo County States Attorney. I read him excerpts from the article, specifically "The parish's pastor, the Rev. Leonard Calegari, told parishioners Lenczycki was supposed to reveal his history to the pastor of the church and continue therapy." "The district attorney in San Mateo County...is now investigating two separate allegations of sexual abuse lodged by St. Peter parishioners."

Father Lenczycki said that Father Calegari was informed about his situation and even spoke with his [Father Lenczycki] therapist.

Father Lenczycki also said that someone from the DuPage County States Attorney called Father Calegari. A secretary answered the phone saying that her son's problems began while Lenczycki was there.

I was going to fax a copy of the article to Father Lenczycki, but he had no access to a fax.


Sister Judith A. Davies, OSF
Chancellor

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Re: Lenczycki records

Dear Mr. Guerin:

Pursuant to your subpoena and your follow-up request, I am enclosing the assignments of Father Lenczycki in the Diocese of Joliet up to the end of 1984.

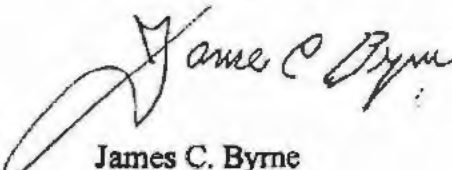
I am also enclosing a separate document showing where he resided from 1984 up to the present. These addresses and their time periods were reconstructed from reviewing correspondence in his priest file.

I am also enclosing his entire priest file, consisting of 425 pages. Regarding this priest file, I am enclosing a Privilege Log for documents under the attorney/client privilege, and also a separate Privilege Log for documents relating to mental health records, or mental health communications.

Regarding the allegations of Mr. [REDACTED] it is believed that his year of birth was 1962. It is possible that he was interviewed by someone on our Review Board, but I don't have that information at this time.

After reviewing this material, please let me know what procedure you want to follow for any additional records regarding Father Lenczycki.

Very truly yours,



James C. Byrne

JCB:pb

Enclosures

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December 4, 1984 St. Isaac Jogues Parish
Hinsdale, IL

December 1984 House of Affirmation, Inc.
4 Joy Avenue
Webster Grove, MO 63119

January, 1985 Our Lady of Lourdes Church
903 Bernadette Drive
Columbus, MO 65203

May, 1985

May, 1985 House of Affirmation, Inc.
1185 Acacia Street, Box 437
Montara, CA 94037

January, 1986

January, 1986 Our Lady of Pillar Church
Half Moon Bay, CA

March, 1986

March, 1986 St. Peter Catholic Church
700 Oddsted Boulevard
Pacifica, CA 94044

August, 1991

August, 1991 2620 Lebanon Avenue
Belleville, IL 62221

July, 1992

July, 1992 Church of North America Martyrs Rectory
1400 S. Lafayette Street
Florissant, MO

March, 1996

March, 1996 St. Blaise Parish
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July 9, 2002

Mr. Dan P. Guerin
Supervisor Domestic Violence/
Child Abuse Unit
DuPage County State's Attorney
505 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

Re: *Supplemental Records*

Fr. Lenczycki

Dear Mr. Guerin:

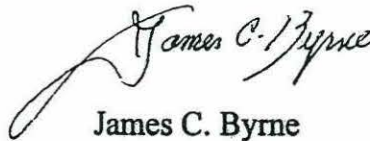
By covering letter of June 20, 2002, I had forwarded on to your office the Diocese priest file on Fr. Lenczycki consisting of 425 pages.

The last page is numbered 425 and refers to Mr. X who had alleged that he was sexually abused by Fr. Lenczycki.

I have recently received three additional pages from a Diocesan Review Committee member involving an interview of Mr. X..... These three pages will now become part of Fr. Lenczycki's priest file, I am forwarding them on to you as supplemental records relating to Fr. Lenczycki.

These pages are now numbered 426- 427- and 428.

My Best Regards,


James C. Byrne

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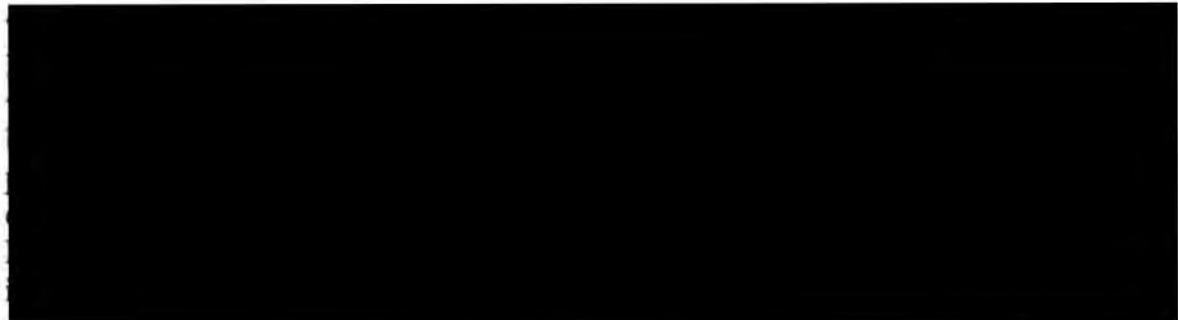
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RE: Doe vs. Joliet Diocese

Dear Mr. Byrne:

This letter follows our discussion yesterday, August 5th. As you know, we sent you our lawsuit with a request to contact me if your client was interested in discussing settlement as opposed to litigating this case. As I described yesterday, we are often reluctant to engage in settlement discussions in that many defendants do not take pre-suit discussions seriously. We both, however, see this case as being somewhat different than the typical personal injury and wrongful death case. We hope your client will take this matter seriously and consider an appropriate settlement offer.

The evidence and the facts in this case are specifically set forth in the proposed lawsuit we have forwarded to you. You are intimately aware of the facts surrounding the sexual abuse victims at St. Isaacs School of which our client was one. You are also aware of admissions made by representatives of the Joliet Diocese as well as Reverend Lenczycki in testimony under oath. Also, the evidence from my client's family, as well as other witnesses who were present immediately after his assault, will solidify any doubts as to what occurred.



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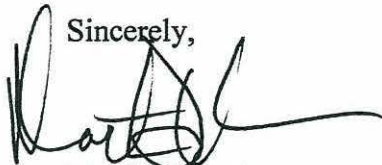
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If you have any questions, please contact me. Otherwise, we will await your response on or before September 7th, 2002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin A. Dolan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Martin A. Dolan
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January 4, 1996

Reverend Frederick Lenczycki
North American Martyrs
1400 S. Lafayette Street
Florissant, MO 63031

Dear Fred,

Many thanks for your Christmas greetings and your interesting and informative letter. Since everybody in the diocese knows that I critique all letters, especially for spelling and such, I will do the same for you, particularly since you seem to invite that.

In the second paragraph, you use the words "at me desk." Irish people speak that way, but in America we try to use the word "my."

In the third paragraph you speak of riding to the "US/Canada "boarder." That word refers to someone who is living in someone else's house and paying rent. While there may very well be a US/Canada "boarder" I think in this case you want to use the word "border."

Having said all of that, I believe you deserve an A+ for effort and at least an A for composition, despite the misspellings or improper use of words. You have shown marked improvement and I would expect that this improvement would continue into next year's letter. You show great promise, Fred, and I would encourage you to continue to write. The only way you will overcome these small mistakes is to practice your writing. As head of chaplain services, now, I am sure that you must submit many reports. I want you to look good and not screw up this job just because of some spelling errors!

Aside from all of that commentary, I really enjoyed your letter and can hardly wait to read about your trip through the Kapusta and Kielbasa country.

As for myself, I am going to the cheese and chocolate country with my brother and sister and their spouses in May to attend a family reunion on my mother's side. Encouraged by your own letter, I may very well tell

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the whole world about my trip to Switzerland next Christmas.

By the way, I really don't think a trip to Alaska should be called a "little trip." A "little trip" would be going to Joliet or Chicago. Going all the way to Alaska is a "big" trip. Your trip to Poland will be a "really big trip."

You are probably wondering why I am taking all of this time to write you. It is only that I have nothing else to do and so I decided to respond to your Christmas letter.

May '96 be a year of peace and happiness for you.

Prayers,

P.S. Glad you had a chance to visit with JOHN DOE

FR. LENCZYCKI SCAN FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET NO.**522**

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COMPLAINTS)**PRESS RELEASE****NOVEMBER 14, 2002****CONTACT: LAURA POLLASTRINI**
(630) 682-6500**Nearly 7 Month Investigation of Joliet Diocese in DuPage
Concludes, Resulting in One Priest Indicted**

DuPage County State's Attorney Joe Birkett announced today that his office has concluded a 6 ½ month investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct by priests of the Joliet Diocese in DuPage County. The result of the investigation includes a Grand Jury indictment against Fred Lenczycki, 58 (d.o.b. 6/12/44) for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse, for alleged misconduct while he was serving at the St. Isaac Jogues Church in Hinsdale in the mid 1980's.

In April of this year, as a result of a series of sexual abuse scandals, State's Attorney Birkett instructed his staff to seek a Grand Jury subpoena directing the Joliet Diocese to produce all documents relating to any complaints of sexual misconduct between members of the clergy and persons under 18 years of age. The time period of the subpoena was from 1970 to April 25, 2002, the date of issue. According to State's Attorney Birkett, the Joliet Diocese fully complied with the Grand Jury subpoena and cooperated with all additional requests made by his office. In total, the office reviewed cases involving 26 priests through materials provided by the Diocese. Three (3) additional priests were investigated as a result of allegations that came to our attention by persons who contacted the office as a result of media publicity on the pending investigation. In total, twenty nine (29) priests were investigated.

A thorough investigation of all allegations was conducted, involving Investigators and

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Prosecutors of the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office. The investigation was overseen by Assistant State's Attorney Dan Guerin, the Supervising Attorney of the Domestic Violence/Child Abuse Unit and Chief William Simmons of the office's Investigations Unit. State's Attorney Birkett noted that some of the investigations concluded with no findings of wrongdoing, while others did involve evidence of wrongdoing but were barred from prosecution due lack of venue and the tolling of the Statute of Limitations.

However, one case did reveal allegations of sexual misconduct where there was a sufficient legal and factual basis to proceed with legal action. A Grand Jury investigations was opened in August whereby witnesses and evidence were presented to the Grand Jury. The resulting action was that the DuPage County Grand Jury returned a True Bill against Fred Lenczycki, 58, currently of 377 Sandhurst Circle in Glen Ellyn charging him with five (5) counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse against three (3) boys.

It is alleged that the defendant, while serving as a priest at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Hinsdale, engaged in separate acts of sexual abuse with three (3) boys between October 1, 1984 and December 4, 1984. The three boys were each 12 years old and were both students and parishioners at the time of the alleged incidents. The victims are now in their 30's. The alleged sexual abuse occurred on the church property in Hinsdale.

In December of 1984, a boy disclosed to his parents that the defendant had acted in a sexually suspicious manner with him, and the parents brought the allegation to the attention of both the defendant and the Pastor at St. Isaac Jogues. The next day, the Joliet Diocese transferred the defendant out of the parish. At that time, no child had reported to the church or to any law enforcement agency that there had been any criminal acts committed by the defendant. These disclosures came to light many years later.

It was learned that the defendant was transferred to various treatment centers and assignments in Missouri and California through the mid 1980's and 1990s. As a result of his absence from the jurisdiction, the Statute of Limitations was suspended.

The defendant has been charged with five (5) counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse, a Class 2 offense, which is punishable by 3 to 7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, but is

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also a probationable offense. Yesterday, Judge Michael Burke signed an arrest warrant and set bond at \$100,000. The defendant, through his attorney, has been in touch with authorities and he is expected to turn himself in shortly.

"No child is prepared for the possibility of molestation by a trusted adult, especially a member of the clergy," Birkett said. "This nearly seven month investigation was conducted in a very thorough and professional manner. If these allegations are proven in a court of law, this defendant faces a penalty of up to seven years in prison for his sexual misconduct with these three boys."

Following the vast public outcry in April and the opening of this investigation, State's Attorney Birkett hosted two religious summits in early May to garner the input of the religious community in crafting legislation in order to best address this public issue. Members of numerous faiths participated at both the Chicago and DuPage County summits, resulting in various amendments being made to the bill. House Bill 5002 unanimously passed out of both the Illinois House of Representatives and Senate in late May. The final result was that on August 16th, Governor George Ryan signed into law State's Attorney Birkett's bill mandating clergy to report child physical and sexual abuse.

In addition to the proposal of this new law, State's Attorney Birkett hosted a Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Seminar in early September whereby for the first time, the newly mandated reporters (clergy) were trained on their obligations to report child abuse.

Members of the public are reminded that this complaint contains only charges and is not proof of the defendant's guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the government's burden to prove his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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Joliet priest charged with sexual abuse

Friday, November 15, 2002

By Allison Hantschel
Staff writer

A Joliet diocese priest now must face long-delayed accusations that he sexually abused parish children in his care, prosecutors announced Thursday.

A DuPage County grand jury has indicted the Rev. Fred Lenczycki, a former priest at St. Isaac Jogues parish in Hinsdale, on five counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse against three young boys of the parish.

"This case is an example of broken promises in the church," DuPage County State's Attorney Joe Birkett said Thursday, announcing the charges. "And the biggest broken promise is the promise the priest himself made."

Of 29 accused molesters from the Joliet church investigated by DuPage County over the past seven months, Lenczycki is the only one who can still be tried, Birkett said.

The 58-year-old priest was removed from St. Isaac Jogues in 1984 and transferred out of state to various locations during the last 17 years, including a California parish where he also was accused of abuse. Because he was out of state, Illinois' statute of limitations on his alleged offenses did not expire, Birkett explained.

A warrant was issued for Lenczycki's arrest. The priest's attorney, Vincent Cornelius, said Lenczycki was returning from out of town Thursday evening and would surrender himself to authorities this morning.

"He's presumed innocent," Cornelius said. "We are not as certain that the charges brought are within the statute of limitations, and we will say that in court."

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If convicted, Lenczycki could face a maximum of seven years in prison on each count.

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In 1984, while Lenczycki was a priest at St. Isaac Jogues, Birkett said, he used his power as a man of God to molest three 12-year-old boys and persuade them to stay silent about it, authorities said.

"He used his position of trust and authority as a Catholic priest to entice these boys," Birkett said.

The priest was transferred from the church after a parishioner reported to Hinsdale police that he engaged in sexual misconduct. Lenczycki spent a month in a parish in downstate Beaverville, and three months in Columbia, Mo., Birkett said, before being transferred to a rehabilitation center in California.

After nearly a year there, Lenczycki was placed in a parish — St. Peter in Pacifica, Calif. He served there from 1986 to 1991 and was beloved by parishioners. The pastor of the Pacifica church later told reporters he did not know "the full extent" of Lenczycki's past when he agreed to let the priest serve there.

Authorities in San Mateo County, Calif., are now investigating two complaints of molestation against Lenczycki there.

In 1991, the priest went to the Archdiocese of St. Louis, where he worked as a chaplain in two hospitals. Both hospitals denied any knowledge of the allegations against Lenczycki before last April, when his past became public and he was recalled to Joliet.

Archdiocese of St. Louis officials claim they had no record of Lenczycki's past. Joliet diocese officials maintain they told the St. Louis church about the priest.

"Ironically, it is because of this movement that Illinois' statute of limitations did not run (out)," Birkett said. "Until March 2002, Father Lenczycki was not a regular public resident of the state of Illinois."

Illinois' statute of limitations on sexual abuse expires 10 years after the victim's 18th birthday unless the accused leaves the state's jurisdiction. Lenczycki's accusers are now in their 30s.

Lenczycki was sued by one of his accusers in 1997, and the accuser and the diocese reached a confidential settlement. Last February, the diocese went to court and sealed records in the case.

In the other 28 cases of priests reviewed by the DuPage County state's attorney's office, six of the priests were deceased. The other 22 could not be charged, most often because the statute of limitations had run out.

"This is the only viable case we had," Birkett said. He added that none of the other priests was currently in parish ministry.

The DuPage County state's attorney's office issued a grand jury subpoena April 25 to the Joliet diocese seeking information about accused priests, Birkett said.

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The same day, the diocese issued a news release stating it was voluntarily relinquishing information to civil authorities, including the DuPage and Will County state's attorney's offices.

Birkett praised the cooperation the office received from diocesan officials. He said Joliet Bishop Joseph Imesch could not be held responsible in a court of law for his actions regarding Lenczycki and other diocese priests.

The Joliet diocese will continue to cooperate with all civil investigations, said John Cullen, the diocese's newly hired spokesman.

"We share the goal of protecting children and we want justice to be done," Cullen said.

He said diocesan officials' "recollections differ" from those of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Pacifica church about what was known about Lenczycki's past.

Ten priests have been publicly removed from ministry in the Diocese of Joliet, and 14 priests have been removed in the neighboring Archdiocese of Chicago.

Former St. Isaac Jogues parishioner Linda Pieczynski first reported Lenczycki to the Hinsdale police in 1984. Lenczycki's attorney did not allow police to question the priest, and no victims would come forward at the time, so no charges were filed.

Pieczynski said she was bitterly disappointed that it took 17 years to bring the priest who baptized her children to justice for harming other people's loved ones.

"This whole thing is a tragedy, even for the priest," said Pieczynski, who now heads a liberal Catholic reform group. "If he had faced the music in 1985, maybe he wouldn't be facing it now at the age of 58. I take no joy in this at all."

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Fred Lenczycki



Dear Fred,

I am responding to the letter you wrote to me several weeks ago. I would much prefer to talk to you as I am not very comfortable trying to discuss difficult issues in writing. However, I have the feeling that you do not want to or should not talk to me until your case is settled. I leave that to your good judgment.

I do and do not understand your feeling of "distance from the diocese." I am certainly willing to meet and talk with you, but as I said, that may not be possible for you.

The matter of compensation is certainly one which needs to be discussed. I do not know what would be considered sufficient compensation. I know that we are to provide you with board and room. I do now know what a proper amount should be nor do I know how long the diocese should do this. I may have mentioned before that people feel very strongly that we should not be providing financial assistance for priests who have abused. They do not understand the responsibility that the diocese has to do this.

I can certainly understand your feelings about not being able to function as a priest. That must be very painful. It seems clear that you will not be allowed to serve as a priest in the future, even though I believe that you are not a threat to anyone. Nevertheless, as you well know, the past frequently determines ones future.

At one time I mentioned to you the need to find employment. You are at an age where I do not think you can think of not providing for

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yourself for the rest of your life. I also realize that you may not be able to look for employment until after your case is settled, whenever that may be.

These are difficult times for you I know. Hopefully, we can discuss our concerns as well as our differences. I continue to keep you in prayer each day and I appreciate your remembrance, also.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

bc-Bishop James Fitzgerald
Bishop Roger Kaffer

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June 6, 2003

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RE: JOHN DOE-S

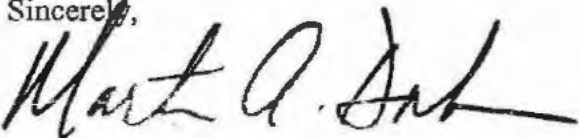
Dear Mr. Byrne:

I have been recently contacted by another victim of abuse by Mr. Lenczycki and the Diocese of Joliet. At this point, I am requesting any communication between us remain confidential as to releasing the name of this victim to the general public in any way.

JOHN DOE-S, as you know, is one of the victims and was severely affected by the perpetrator's actions. Mr. [REDACTED] wants to make an attempt to resolve this matter short of filing suit.

Please contact me if your client has any interest in any serious negotiation within seven (7) days.

Sincerely,



Martin A. Dolan

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Case against priest to proceed

1984 abuse: Judge won't dismiss charges

June 19, 2003

By **Ted Slowik**
STAFF WRITER

WHEATON — The criminal case against a Joliet Diocese priest accused of sexually abusing three 12-year-old boys nearly 20 years ago can proceed, a judge ruled Wednesday.

DuPage County Judge Ann Jorgensen rejected a defense attorney's motion to dismiss charges against the Rev. Fred Lenczycki, 58, of Glen Ellyn. Lenczycki's attorney argued that the statute of limitations — or time frame to pursue criminal charges — had run out.

The alleged abuse occurred in October 1984 when Lenczycki was assigned to St. Isaac Jogues parish in Hinsdale. The three alleged victims — now in their early 30s — should have filed complaints before their 19th birthdays, according to one section of the state law at the time, defense attorney Vincent Cornelius argued.

But Jorgensen agreed with prosecutors' interpretation of the statute of limitations regarding sex crimes against minors. Though state law sets time limits for prosecuting some felony charges, the statute is suspended while a defendant is living out of state.

Sent for counseling

When allegations against Lenczycki first surfaced in late 1984, Joliet Bishop Joseph Imesch sent Lenczycki for counseling and later assigned him to ministries in California and Missouri. California authorities last year investigated claims that Lenczycki abused children when he served 1986-91 at St. Peter parish in Pacifica, Calif.

Imesch then assigned Lenczycki to serve as a hospital chaplain in the St. Louis area. In 1997, one of Lenczycki's alleged victims filed a civil lawsuit claiming the priest engaged in inappropriate

sexual conduct with nine boys at the St. Isaac Jogues rectory in 1984. The civil case was settled for an undisclosed amount.

Lenczycki continued to serve as a priest until last year, when Imesch suspended him from public ministry in the wake of media coverage about how church authorities shielded Roman Catholic priests who sexually abused minors.

Attorneys for both sides agree that Lenczycki lived in Illinois for 22 months between the time of the alleged crimes in 1984 and September 2002, when a grand jury indicted the cleric on five counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Lenczycki's attorney cited a section of the statute that allowed minors who are sexually abused one year after their 18th birthdays to pursue criminal charges. Assistant DuPage County State's Attorney Alex McGimpsey contended that another section of the state law at the time allowed three years from the date of the alleged crime to pursue a case, and the judge agreed. Though more than three years has elapsed since the time of the alleged incidents, the clock stopped when Lenczycki was living out of state, Jorgensen ruled.

"We respectfully disagree with the court's analysis of the statute of limitations. We read it in a different way," Cornelius told reporters after the hearing.

Statute of limitations

During the 1990s the statute of limitations for prosecuting people accused of sex crimes against minors in Illinois was extended to give alleged victims until their 28th birthdays to pursue criminal charges. This spring, both houses of the Illinois General Assembly voted to extend the statute yet again — to age 38 — and the bill will become law if signed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Lenczycki's next court date is scheduled for Aug. 25. He could face three to seven years in prison if convicted.

When announcing the indictment against Lenczycki last year, DuPage County State's Attorney Joe Birkett said investigators uncovered evidence that 29 Joliet Diocese priests may have engaged in sexual misconduct with minors, but that DuPage prosecutors were only able to pursue charges against Lenczycki.

Reporter Ted Slowik can be reached at (815) 729-6053 or via e-mail at tslowik@scn1.com.

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Natalie Bayci

From: [REDACTED]
To: <nbayci@dioceseofjoliet.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2003 1:40 AM
Subject: FWD NEWS ARTICLE: Priest accused of molesting boy after dressing him up like Jesus

This www.dailyherald.com news story was forwarded to you by

Philip
[REDACTED]

For your files. Have a good day.

FORWARDED STORY BELOW

Priest accused of molesting boy after dressing him up like Jesus
By Sara Burnett Daily Herald Staff Writer

A former DuPage County priest already facing sexual abuse charges molested a teenage boy after dressing him like Jesus Christ and taking his picture, an attorney for the victim said Wednesday.

The Rev. Fred Lenczycki abused the teen "on a regular and repeated basis" between 1980 and 1983, when Lenczycki was a priest at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Hinsdale, according to the lawsuit filed Wednesday in DuPage County civil court.

The eight-count lawsuit also accuses the Diocese of Joliet and Bishop Joseph L. Imesch of covering up widespread clergy abuse and creating an environment that taught parishioners that "good" Catholics didn't report misconduct.

Attorneys for the victim, who is now in his 30s and lives in rural Illinois, are seeking more than \$50,000 in damages per count.

In a statement, attorney Marc Pearlman said that on about a dozen occasions, Lenczycki of Glen Ellyn dressed the teen - then 14 to 17

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FACTUAL BASIS

If this case were to proceed to trial, the evidence would show that the defendant, Fred Lenczycki at all relevant times was a Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois. Reverend Joseph Imesch, Bishop of Joliet, assigned the defendant to a number of different assignments over the years. The evidence would show that he resided at the following locations:

- March 1972-1975 Sts. Peter and Paul
26 N. Ellsworth
Naperville, IL

- June 1975-June 1980 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Rt. 53 and Airport Road
Romeoville, IL

- June 1980 – Dec. 1984 St. Isaac Jogues
306 W. 4th Street
Hinsdale, IL

- 1 month? St. Mary's
Beaverville, IL
(815) 435-2432

- December 1984 House of Affirmation
4 Joy Avenue
Webster Grove, MO 63119

- January 1985 – May 1985 Our Lady of Lourdes Church
903 Bernadette Drive
Columbia, MO 65203
(573) 653-9127

- March 1985 – January 1986 House of Affirmation, Inc.
1185 Acacia Street, Box 437
Montara, CA 94037

- January 1986 – March 1986 Our Lady of Pillar Church
400 Church Street
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
(650) 726-4674, ext. 205

- March 1986 – August 1991 St. Peter Catholic Church
700 Oddsted Boulevard
Pacifica, CA 94044

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- August 1991 – July 1992 Pastoral Center
2620 Lebanon Avenue
Belleville, IL 62221
- 1992 St. George Catholic Church
4980 Heege Road
St. Louis, MO 63123
- 1993 Church of North America Martyrs
1400 S. Lafayette Street
Florissant, MO
- 1995 St. Blaise Parish
3130 Park Wood Lane
Maryland Heights, MO 63043
- 1992 – 2002 DePaul Health Center
12303 DePaul Drive
Bridgeton, MO 63044
St. Louis Archdiocese
(314) 633-2273 – Bishop Dolan
- April 2002 – Present P.O. Box 5068
Wheaton, IL 60189

The evidence would show that throughout his career the defendant had a close relationship with Bishop Imesch, evidenced by numerous letters the two exchanged over the years, many of which touched upon the defendant's misconduct with young boys following the discovery of the defendant's child sexual abuse while assigned to St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Hinsdale, DuPage County, Illinois.

The evidence would show that the defendant was assigned to St. Isaac Jogues, effective June 19, 1980. The evidence would show that [REDACTED] was a seventh grade student at St. Isaac Jogues Grammar School in 1984. He was 12 years old when Fr. Lenczycki sent a note to him in class saying he wanted to see him. He went and met with the defendant in the back of the Church. The defendant told [REDACTED] that one of his friends was throwing a school play and he wanted [REDACTED] to try on a costume. He directed [REDACTED] to completely disrobe in his presence while he watched. The defendant then produced a purported costume that consisted of strips of material that were not even sufficient to cover the genitals. The defendant was seated immediately in front of [REDACTED]. After the victim put on the costume, the defendant then

adjusted the costume, coming in contact with the victim's genitals and buttocks. The defendant fondled the victim's penis and buttocks. This event lasted about fifteen minutes. The defendant then asked the victim if he could send someone else, meaning another boy. This event took place approximately two weeks before a school assembly that took place in the school gym on December 5 or 6, 1984. At that assembly, the school principal, Mr. Bill Clark, told the student body that Fr. Lenczycki was being removed because of inappropriate conduct with some of the boys.

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FACTUAL BASIS

If this case were to proceed to trial, the evidence would show that the defendant, Fred Lenczycki at all relevant times was a Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois. Reverend Joseph Imesch, Bishop of Joliet, assigned the defendant to a number of different assignments over the years. The evidence would show that he resided at the following locations:

March 1972-1975	Sts. Peter and Paul 26 N. Ellsworth Naperville, IL
June 1975-June 1980	St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Rt. 53 and Airport Road Romeoville, IL
June 1980 – Dec. 1984	St. Isaac Jogues 306 W. 4 th Street Hinsdale, IL
1 month?	St. Mary's Beaverville, IL (815) 435-2432
December 1984	House of Affirmation 4 Joy Avenue Webster Grove, MO 63119
January 1985 – May 1985	Our Lady of Lourdes Church 903 Bernadette Drive Columbia, MO 65203 (573) 653-9127
March 1985 – January 1986	House of Affirmation, Inc. 1185 Acacia Street, Box 437 Montara, CA 94037
January 1986 – March 1986	Our Lady of Pillar Church 400 Church Street Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 726-4674, ext. 205
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- August 1991 – July 1992 Pastoral Center
2620 Lebanon Avenue
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- 1992 St. George Catholic Church
4980 Heege Road
St. Louis, MO 63123

- 1993 Church of North America Martyrs
1400 S. Lafayette Street
Florissant, MO

- 1995 St. Blaise Parish
3130 Park Wood Lane
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

- 1992 – 2002 DePaul Health Center
12303 DePaul Drive
Bridgeton, MO 63044
St. Louis Archdiocese
(314) 633-2273 – Bishop Dolan

- April 2002 – Present P.O. Box 5068
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The evidence would show that throughout his career the defendant had a close relationship with Bishop Imesch, evidenced by numerous letters the two exchanged over the years, many of which touched upon the defendant's misconduct with young boys following the discovery of the defendant's child sexual abuse while assigned to St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Hinsdale, DuPage County, Illinois.

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Priest is sentenced for abuse

Joliet Diocese: Rev. Fred Lenczycki pleads guilty to child molestation

By Ted Slowik
STAFF WRITER

WHEATON — The only Joliet Diocese Catholic priest criminally charged in connection with decades-old allegations of sexual abuse pleaded guilty on Monday to molesting three boys and was sentenced to five years in prison.

The Rev. Fred Lenczycki, 59, fondled as many as 13 boys in the rectory of St. Isaac Jogues Church in Hinsdale in late 1984, prosecutors said. Three men, all age 31, were prepared to testify at Lenczycki's trial about abuse at the Hinsdale church. One appeared in court and read a victim-impact statement.

"Imagine being violated by the very person who is there to teach morals, ethics and religion," the man told Judge Ann Jorgensen. "I will never live a day, week, month or year without recalling the events of such a sick individual."

DuPage County State's Attorney Joseph Birkett said he notified the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Vatican authorities of Lenczycki's conviction and urged them to take steps to remove him from the priesthood.

"In my 23 years as a prosecutor, I have rarely been more disgusted by the facts of a case than I was by this defendant," Birkett told reporters.

Lenczycki's behavior included fondling boys after having them disrobe and putting on a loincloth-like garment, Birkett said. Lenczycki persuaded boys to believe they were trying on a costume for a play, and the priest would breathe heavily and perspire during the acts, Birkett said. Lenczycki also had boys answer a lengthy questionnaire that included questions about sex, gave massages to naked boys, and photographed some boys wearing the scant costume, Birkett said.

Birkett said he spoke by phone with Joliet Bishop Joseph Imesch on Monday and told the leader of the diocese's 620,000 Catholics that he questioned the moral judgment of the bishop's decision to reassign Lenczycki to a parish ministry after the Hinsdale allegations first surfaced.

"It is clear from the facts of this case that the Joliet Diocese placed a priority on protecting their own instead of the victims," Birkett said.

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Criminal investigators uncovered evidence that Lenczycki continued to molest boys after Imesch pulled him from the Hinsdale parish and sent him to a center where priests who abused children received counseling, authorities said. Imesch transferred Lenczycki to St. Peter's Church in Pacifica, Calif., where the priest molested at least three other boys, Birkett said.

"This pattern of hiding priests for the express purpose of avoiding prosecution is what I consider running from justice, but it is not a crime. (Imesch) broke no civil law," Birkett said.

Imesch disputes Birkett's characterization of Lenczycki's transfer, diocese spokesman John Cullen said Monday night. When reports of Lenczycki's misconduct first surfaced in 1984, no family was willing to pursue criminal charges.

"(Imesch) knew it was inappropriate behavior. He didn't know there was anything sexual about it," Cullen said.

Lenczycki's case was scheduled to go to trial this week, and his guilty plea surprised prosecutors who expected the priest's attorney to request a continuance.

"(Lenczycki) made a decision that he was ready to get this resolved. The most important thing to him was that he wanted to give closure to the victims and avoid having them testify at a trial or a sentencing hearing," said his defense attorney, Vincent Cornelius.

Yet the cleric made no apologies for his behavior during his sentencing hearing, Birkett said.

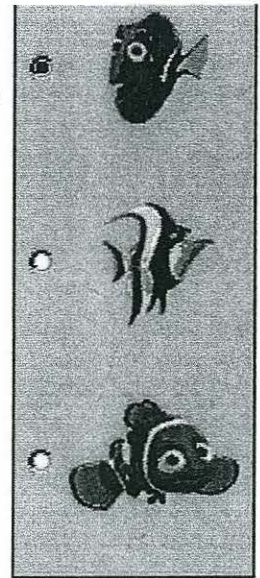
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Lenczycki's pattern of molestation continued until 1991, when Imesch recalled the priest from California and assigned him to serve as a hospital chaplain in the St. Louis area, authorities said. Ironically, Imesch's desire to keep Lenczycki away from the Joliet Diocese allowed prosecutors to pursue charges, since the statute of limitations is suspended when an offender lives out of state.

"It was clear the Joliet Diocese was aware of the defendant's perverted behavior and did not report it to civil authorities," Birkett said. The case prompted Birkett to pursue legislation — adopted in 2002 — that now makes clergy mandatory reporters, requiring them to notify state officials when sexual abuse of children is suspected.

But Imesch says he did notify state child-welfare authorities of the allegations against Lenczycki at the time they were first reported, Cullen said.

Jorgensen could have sentenced Lenczycki to probation, but chose to send him to prison. With time off for good behavior, Lenczycki could be released in 2 1/2 years. He will have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his



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Barbara Blaine, founder and president of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, echoed Birkett's comments and said Imesch is lacking moral leadership by challenging a change in state law that extends the statute of limitations for sex crimes against children. A ruling involving two civil lawsuits filed in Will County is expected in about two weeks.

"This same diocese is trying to overturn a law that protects children of Illinois. Who in the world should be trying to protect children other than the Catholic Church? No other entity is challenging the law," Blaine said.

Lenczycki, Imesch and the diocese are defendants in a civil lawsuit filed in December in DuPage County. The same parties were defendants in another civil suit filed in 1997 in Will County. That case was settled, and the diocese succeeded in convincing a judge to seal the records.

That protective order blinded DuPage authorities to the possibility of prosecuting Lenczycki five years earlier, Birkett said.

"We weren't aware of the 1997 lawsuit because the order of protection sealed the records," Birkett said.

Lenczycki is among 29 Joliet Diocese priests that DuPage authorities believe engaged in inappropriate conduct with minors, Birkett said. Many of the clerics have died, and none is actively serving as a priest, he said. Of the 29, only Lenczycki was living out of state long enough to suspend the statute of limitations, which in 1984 would have required minors to press charges against sex abusers by the time the victims reached age 21.

"Lenczycki is the only one (who could be prosecuted). As it turns out, he was one of the worst," Birkett said.

In response to the sexual abuse scandal that has rocked the Catholic Church, Illinois legislators in 2003 amended the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to give people who were sexually abused as minors until age 38 to pursue criminal charges against their abusers.

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I received the e-mail letter which you sent to the diocese regarding Fred Lenczycki. Despite what the papers may say, I can only tell you that I am terribly disturbed by what occurred more than 20 years ago. These are the facts of the case as I know them.

When this incident was first discovered, a meeting of all of the parents of children in school was called. The parish asked a lawyer, Mr. [REDACTED], a parishioner, to address the parents. The matter was brought to the attention of the States Attorney's Office and to DCFS. The following day, the principal gathered all of the children in the school and spoke to them about the inappropriate activity and asked for any of them who had been with Father Lenczycki to discuss this with their parents.

When I was informed of the incident, I immediately removed Father Lenczycki and sent him for an evaluation and subsequent treatment at a facility out of state. Illinois had no such facility available. After several months of counseling and therapy, the counselors who cared for Father Lenczycki felt that he could participate in supervised parish ministry. He did that for approximately five years. Two years ago allegations were made concerning inappropriate behavior while he was at that parish.

In August of 1991, Father Lenczycki sought employment as a chaplain at a Catholic Hospital in St. Louis where he served for ten years. During that time there were no allegations of inappropriate activity.

Mr. [REDACTED]

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Almost 20 years after the incident in Hinsdale, the States Attorney filed suit against Father Lenczycki. I do not know why the States Attorney's office did not initiate action at the time of the incident, nor why any of the parents did not pursue the matter further.

This whole matter is a terrible tragedy. Looking back, I am sure that everyone involved, including myself, would say that things should have been handled differently. At the time, I thought I was doing the right thing by sending Father Lenczycki for therapy.

The judgment against Father Lenczycki is one with which I certainly concur. He has committed a crime and deserves whatever penalty was imposed. For my part, I can only offer an apology to the victims and to their families. At the time of the incident at St. Isaac Jogues, I was not aware of any previous inappropriate activity by Father Lenczycki, nor had I received any report of such inappropriate activity. If the incident occurred today, certainly it would have been handled differently. At the time, it was handled as was thought best, to provide counseling and therapy for the priest. The entire matter has had a terrible effect on so many people, the victims, their families and Church members, like yourself. I cannot undo the past, but I can only say that the diocese has taken a number of initiatives to see that such things do not occur in the future. The past cannot be undone, but I am committed to do whatever is necessary to prevent such things from ever happening again.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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From: Suggestion Box [suggestionBox@dioceseofjoliet.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2004 11:28 AM
To: jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org
Subject: FW: please forward to Bishop Imesch

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2004 11:01 AM
To: suggestionBox@dioceseofjoliet.org
Subject: please forward to Bishop Imesch

Dear Bishop Imesch:

As a former parishioner of St. Isaac Jogues and a former seminarian with the Diocese of Joliet I was happy to hear of the conviction and sentencing of Mr. Frederick A. Lenczycki. I am uncertain as to how you could have allowed this man to be assigned to other parishes after the incidents at Hinsdale. Any reason for this escapes me. I hold you accountable for his actions since you failed miserably in handling this matter.

I urge you to resign your office. You and Bishops like you who have covered up sexual abuse are nothing but an embarrassment to the Church in the United States. I would like you to explain in writing why Mr. Lenczycki was allowed to continue work in other parishes after Hinsdale. My contact information is below.

Sincerely;

[REDACTED]

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January 16, 2004



Dear [REDACTED]

I received the e-mail letter which you sent to the diocese regarding Fred Lenczycki. Despite what the papers may say, I can only tell you that I am terribly disturbed by what occurred more than 20 years ago. These are the facts of the case as I know them.

When this incident was first discovered, a meeting of all of the parents of children in school was called. The parish asked a lawyer, Mr. [REDACTED] a parishioner, to address the parents. The matter was brought to the attention of the States Attorney's Office and to DCFS. The following day, the principal gathered all of the children in the school and spoke to them about the inappropriate activity and asked for any of them who had been with Father Lenczycki to discuss this with their parents.

When I was informed of the incident, I immediately removed Father Lenczycki and sent him for an evaluation and subsequent treatment at a facility out of state. Illinois had no such facility available. After several months of counseling and therapy, the counselors who cared for Father Lenczycki felt that he could participate in supervised parish ministry. He did that for approximately five years. Two years ago allegations were made concerning inappropriate behavior while he was at that parish.

In August of 1991, Father Lenczycki sought employment as a chaplain at a Catholic Hospital in St. Louis where he served for ten years. During that time there were no allegations of inappropriate activity.

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Sr. Judith Davies

From: Suggestion Box [suggestionBox@dioceseofjoliet.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2004 9:22 AM
To: jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org
Subject: FW: 01/13/04 Daily Herald

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2004 9:35 PM
To: suggestionBox@dioceseofjoliet.org
Subject: 01/13/04 Daily Herald

Dear Bishop Imesch,

I read in this morning's Daily Herald the front page headline and accompanying story regarding DuPage County's conviction of Rev. Fred Lenczycki. Sadly, another Roman Catholic priest brings disgrace to the Church. Worse yet is what DuPage County State's Attorney Joseph Birkett revealed - "...the diocese under Imesch's leadership hired a private attorney to discourage parents from suing or alerting police."

Aside from the Church's continued state of denial in what I can only surmise to be an effort to maintain the status quo, I thought my disgust with the Church could not grow any larger. Wrong. How dare you?! What hypocrites you and your colleagues are! Obviously, the goal of the Church's heirarchy (from Rome to you) remains to be one of self-preservation and ultimately the preservation of an institution that refuses to acknowledge reality. How dare you! You used diocesan funds to protect the twisted status quo - not the victims! What is beyond ludicrous is how you and your colleagues expect to maintain cash flow, or better yet, solicit additional monies from parishioners to expand church's or build a regional Catholic school in Naperville. What hypocrisy! The same values used to promote Catholic education cannot be lived by its "leadership." Do you and your colleagues feel that your abuse of children and efforts to deceive, cajole and "buy off " parents are consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ? You are a disgrace.

The desire to change and effect sustained change is documented as most successful when there is a "burning platform", or an event or series of events that deem the status quo as no longer desirable. What kind of insular environment do you and your colleagues live in? What conflagration needs to occur to change - to take accountability as a leader and publicly stand-up against the evil that continues and say NO MORE? Sadly, the disgrace to the Catholic Church that continues is obviously not enough to promote change. I can only assume that an accelerated decrease in cash flow to the Church's coffers may prompt you and your colleagues to demonstarte leadership and backbone. I for one, am not optimistic that you or your colleagues are capable of change. You all are prisoners of the environment that has nurtured and sustained you all of these years. How sad.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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1 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS:
2 COUNTY OF DU PAGE)

3 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DU PAGE COUNTY
4 FOR THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

5 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE) ORIGINAL
6 STATE OF ILLINOIS,)

7 Plaintiff,)

8 vs.) No. 02 CF 2820

9 FRED LENCZYCKI,)

10 Defendant.)

11 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had and testimony taken at the
12 hearing of the above-entitled cause, before the Honorable
13 ANN B. JORGENSEN, Judge of said Court, on Monday, the 12th
14 day of January, A.D. 2004.

15 PRESENT:

16 MR. JOSEPH E. BIRKETT, State's Attorney of
17 DuPage County, and
18 MR. ALEX MCGIMPSEY, Assistant State's Attorney,

19 appeared on behalf of the People of the
20 State of Illinois.

21 MR. VINCENT F. CORNELIUS,

22 appeared on behalf of the Defendant.
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1 THE CLERK: Fred Lenczycki.

2 MR. BIRKETT: Good afternoon, your Honor. Joe

3 Birkett and Alex McGimpsey on behalf of the People, your

4 Honor.

5 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

6 MR. CORNELIUS: Good afternoon, your Honor. Vincent

7 Cornelius and Mr. Lenczycki, who's present in open court.

8 MR. BIRKETT: Your Honor, this is the case, as you

9 know, comes on today for -- actually it was up for

10 motions, plea, or setting, and we do have a plea agreement

11 that we'd like to tender to the Court.

12 The defendant is charged with five counts of

13 aggravated criminal sexual abuse in the indictment.

14 Pursuant to our proposed plea agreement, the defendant

15 would be entering pleas of guilty to Counts 1, 3, and 5 of

16 the indictment, these are all Class 2 felonies punishable

17 by probation or three to seven years in the Illinois

18 Department of Corrections.

19 As the factual basis will set out, the defendant has

20 no prior criminal history, no prior convictions, but as we

21 will set out in the factual basis, he has an extensive

22 history of child sexual abuse. The agreement is that in

23 exchange for the defendant's pleas of guilty to Counts 1,

24 3, and 5, he will serve a sentence of five years in the

1 Illinois Department of Corrections, beginning today; no
2 credit for time served, statutory court costs, a DNA fee,
3 and any other costs associated with the prosecution. The
4 defendant will also be a registered child sex offender for
5 life. That is the sum and substance of the agreement,
6 Judge.

7 We do, also, after reading the factual basis, we
8 have notified all of the victims, although we did not know
9 Mr. Cornelius informs today that his client would accept
10 the offer that was conveyed. We have not had an
11 opportunity to have all of the victims here, however, one
12 victim is here. He has prepared a Victim Impact
13 Statement, and at the conclusion of the factual basis
14 before the Court, impose a sentence, assuming the Court
15 will accept this disposition. A representative from our
16 office will read the Victim Impact Statement into the
17 record. That will be Shawn McCormack and Mr. McGimpsey
18 will put her on.

19 THE COURT: Can you elaborate, for the record, all
20 the factors that went into consideration in arriving at
21 the proposed disposition?

22 MR. BIRKETT: Judge, this case has a lengthy history,
23 as you recall.

24 I caused a grand jury subpoena to be issued on the

1 Joliet Diocese in April of 2002. The records that were
2 reviewed included 29 priests, 26 of which were provided by
3 the Joliet Diocese, three of whom came forward on their
4 own, the victims involving other priests. Each case was
5 evaluated for potential prosecution, including the issues
6 concerning the Statute of Limitations. At the conclusion
7 of that investigation, one priest, the defendant who
8 stands before you today, was the only priest who fell
9 within the Statute of Limitations largely because he was
10 living outside the state of Illinois during most of the
11 entire period of time from the date these allegations
12 occurred until he was served with the indictment.

13 And we have consulted with each of the victims, both
14 charged and uncharged. And I should also say
15 Mr. Cornelius is aware of that. There is one other victim
16 who has yet to be fully interviewed, but we state, for the
17 record, that although he has not yet been interviewed, we
18 will furnish a name and a report to Mr. Cornelius, and
19 this disposition includes any allegations that could
20 possibly stem from that interview. We are aware of the
21 general nature of it, so this agreement includes that.
22 Some of the victims did not necessarily agree; they would
23 rather see the defendant receive the maximum punishment.
24 I understand that. However, other victims agree and

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1 concur that this is an appropriate disposition.

2 If the defendant were to go to trial, he would be
3 eligible for probation. Mr. Cornelius and I have had many
4 conversations. He's had conversations with Alex and with
5 Alex's predecessor on the case now, Judge, Dan Guerin.

6 We do believe that probation would be inconsistent
7 with the ends of justice and would deprecate the
8 seriousness of the offense, and we would also indicate
9 that our belief is that the defendant's incarceration is
10 necessary for the public -- for the protection of the
11 public so, therefore, probation would not be an option.

12 But I have thoroughly evaluated each and every
13 factor in aggravation and mitigation. While the defendant
14 has no criminal history, there is an extensive history of
15 sexual abuse, which we'll read into the record, and this
16 is our proposed disposition, Judge.

17 THE COURT: Do you agree with the analysis?

18 MR. CORNELIUS: Well, Judge, as Mr. Birkett has
19 indicated, we've had a number of discussions, Judge, about
20 the potential dispositions of this case, Judge. And the
21 fact of the matter is it's taken a significant period of
22 time, Judge, because we found difficulty in reaching some
23 common ground and some agreement here, Judge. And the
24 fact of the matter is, obviously, we're not in absolute

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1 agreement with Mr. Birkett's analysis but the fact of the
2 matter is, it does have a seven year maximum.

3 My client is, as he stands before your Honor,
4 probation eligible at this point and time, Judge. And the
5 fact of the matter is my client has made a decision,
6 Judge, that he wants to be certain of what the sentence
7 would be in this case, Judge. Although it's
8 probationable, he knows when he steps up before your
9 Honor, that at least there's an agreement in sum and
10 substance between the two parties, Judge.

11 THE COURT: Okay. Your client also realizes that by
12 pleading guilty, of course, he waives his right to appeal.

13 MR. CORNELIUS: Absolutely.

14 THE COURT: And the Court's denial of your Motion to
15 Dismiss.

16 MR. CORNELIUS: That's correct.

17 THE COURT: I will accept the terms of the agreement.

18 Mr. Birkett, you indicated previously you had a
19 Motion to Dismiss Counts 2 and Count 4, correct?

20 MR. BIRKETT: That's correct, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: That leaves, sir, three Counts of
22 aggravated criminal sexual abuse, each of which is charged
23 as a Class 2 felony.

24 Do you understand the nature of those charges?

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1 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

2 THE COURT: Do you understand what the State would
3 have to prove in order to convict you of each of those
4 three Counts?

5 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

6 THE COURT: You further understand that each of them
7 is a Class 2 felony, and each of them carries it with a
8 maximum penalty of three to seven years in the Illinois
9 Department of Corrections, which would be followed by two
10 years of mandatory supervised release. However, if I
11 found that you were eligible for extended term, either
12 because of your prior criminal history or because of the
13 facts and circumstances surrounding the case, then you
14 could receive a sentence between seven and 14 years. And,
15 again, that would be followed by two years of mandatory
16 supervised release. That's the maximum penalty. Do you
17 understand that?

18 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

19 THE COURT: The minimum penalty would be a term of
20 probation or conditional discharge, up to 48 months,
21 periodic imprisonment up to 30 months, and a fine up to
22 \$25,000. Do you understand the minimum range?

23 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

24 THE COURT: I would also advise you that if you were

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1 on bond for another felony at the time that this offense
2 was alleged to have occurred, you're eligible for
3 consecutive sentencing. Do you understand what that
4 means?

5 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 You have previously entered pleas of not guilty. As
8 you stand here this afternoon, you are presumed to be
9 innocent of these charges. You have the right to have a
10 trial. At the trial, you have the right to require that
11 the State prove you guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. But
12 you give up those rights when you plead guilty, sir, do
13 you understand that?

14 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

15 THE COURT: Also when you plead guilty you are, in
16 effect, telling me these offenses took place and that you
17 committed those offenses. So when you make those
18 admissions, you give up your right to a trial of any kind.
19 Do you understand that?

20 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

21 THE COURT: More, specifically, what that means is
22 that when you plead guilty, you give up your
23 constitutional right to have a trial before a jury of 12.
24 That is your right to require that 12 people from the

1 community come into court, they would be seated in those
2 chairs behind you, those 12 people would listen to
3 everything presented, all of the evidence and arguments,
4 and then they decide whether the State had proven you
5 guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. In addition, any
6 decision that the jury makes in favor of the State, must
7 be their unanimous decision. So do you understand your
8 right to have a jury trial?

9 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

10 THE COURT: And you understand that you give that up
11 when you plead guilty.

12 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

13 THE COURT: Also, your attorney has handed me a
14 document entitled, Waiver of Trial by Jury. Is that your
15 signature?

16 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

17 THE COURT: Did you read this before you signed it?

18 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

19 THE COURT: Do you understand when you sign this,
20 you're telling me two things in writing. You're telling
21 me, first, that you understand you have the right to have
22 a jury trial; and then, secondly, you're telling me you
23 wish to give up that right and proceed without a jury. Is
24 that what you understood this to mean when you signed it?

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1 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

2 THE COURT: You understand, also, implicit in all of
3 that, is you give up your right to a bench trial, as well.

4 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

5 THE COURT: During the course of the trial, you would
6 have had the right to confront and cross-examine. That
7 means you have the right to question anyone who would
8 testify against you during that trial. But you give that
9 up when you plead guilty. Do you understand that?

10 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

11 THE COURT: You give up your right to use the
12 subpoena powers of this Court to bring witnesses here to
13 testify for you. Do you understand that?

14 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

15 THE COURT: Sir, are you taking any medication at
16 all?

17 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yes.

18 THE COURT: What do you take that medication for?

19 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Depression and anxiety.

20 THE COURT: Okay. What are you taking?

21 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Celexa, Trazodone, and one
22 other. I have them with me.

23 THE COURT: Would you read them into the record.

24 MR. CORNELIUS: Judge, my client has handed me one

1 prescription that has the name of looks like Celexa, 000638
2 C-E-L-E-X-A. An additional prescription that looks like a
3 TRAZODONE, T-R-A-Z-O-D-O-N-E. And a third prescription,
4 Judge, I'm not certain of the pronunciation but it's
5 spelled C-L-O-N-A-Z-E-P-A-N.

6 THE COURT: Sir, did you take those prescriptions
7 today?

8 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: I took this one --

9 MR. CORNELIUS: Clonazepam.

10 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Yeah. And Celexa this morning,
11 yes.

12 THE COURT: Okay. And during today's proceedings,
13 that were actually had previously been on the call at 9:00
14 o'clock this morning, Mr. Cornelius, you had a chance to
15 speak to your client a couple of times during the day.

16 MR. CORNELIUS: That's correct, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: At any time, during today's proceedings,
18 because he took those prescriptions today, did you have
19 any belief that he did not fully understand the tender of
20 your conversations?

21 MR. CORNELIUS: No, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Anything unusual about his behavior, his
23 mannerisms or conversations or appropriateness of
24 responses to inquiries made by yourself?

1 MR. CORNELIUS: Nothing out of the ordinary, your
2 Honor.

3 THE COURT: Any other medication, sir?

4 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: No.

5 THE COURT: Based on the nature of the charge, TASC
6 is not an issue, and I heard the terms of the agreement.
7 I'm aware of the absence of criminal history and based on
8 the proffer made earlier, the extensive nature of the
9 conduct.

10 Now, sir, has anyone promised you something other
11 than what was specifically stated here in open court?

12 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: No.

13 THE COURT: Is anyone threatening you or forcing you
14 to plead guilty to any of these counts?

15 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: No.

16 THE COURT: Is anyone forcing you or threatening you
17 to make you accept the terms of this agreement?

18 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: No.

19 THE COURT: Is there a factual basis for Count 1, 3,
20 and 5?

21 MR. BIRKETT: Yes, there is, Judge. And, also, your
22 Honor, I would just indicate that I discussed with
23 Mr. Cornelius, pursuant to People versus Donoho,
24 D-O-N-O-H-O, 204 Il. 2d, 159, a 2003 case; and 725 ILCS

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1 5/115-7.3, it is our position that the other crimes in
2 evidence, which I am about to read into the record, would
3 be admissible against the defendant, should this case
4 proceed to trial.

5 Your Honor, if this case were to proceed to trial,
6 the evidence would show that the defendant, Fred
7 Lenczycki, was born on June 12th, 1944, and at all
8 relevant times was a Roman Catholic Priest of the Diocese
9 of Joliet, Illinois. Reverend -- Bishop Joseph Imesch,
10 Bishop of Joliet, assigned the defendant to a number of
11 different assignments over the years. The evidence would
12 show that he resided in a number of locations.

13 And, Judge, for your convenience, we can mark this
14 as People's Exhibit No. 3. That's a typed factual basis,
15 which I will read into the record.

16 THE COURT: You have previously reviewed this
17 document?

18 MR. CORNELIUS: I have previously reviewed it, your
19 Honor, and we would offer a continuing objection, Judge,
20 to those issues that are not relevant. We trust the Court
21 to sort those out, Judge, and Mr. Birkett is going to read
22 those into evidence.

23 MR. BIRKETT: Understood, your Honor.

24 Judge, the defendant's assignments, as reflected in

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1 the factual basis we tendered to the Court:

2 March of 1972 through 1975, St. Peter and Paul of
3 Naperville, Illinois.

4 June 1975 through June of 1980, St. Charles
5 Borromeo, Romeoville, Illinois.

6 1980 -- June 1980 to December 1984, St. Isaac
7 Jogues, Hinsdale, Illinois.

8 St. Mary's of Beaverville, Illinois, one month
9 period of time.

10 Then December 1984, the House of Affirmation,
11 located in Webster Grove, Missouri.

12 January 1985 through May 1985, Our Lady of Lourdes
13 Church in Columbia, Missouri.

14 March '85 through January of '86, House of
15 Affirmation, Montara, California.

16 January 1986 through March 1986, Our Lady of Pillar
17 Church, Half Moon Bay, California.

18 March of 1986 through August of '91, St. Peter
19 Catholic Church, Pacifica, California.

20 August 1991 through July of 1992, Pastoral Center,
21 Belleville, Illinois.

22 1992, St. George Catholic Church, St. Louis,
23 Missouri.

24 1993, the Church of North America Martyrs,

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1 Florissant, Missouri.

2 1995, St. Blaise Parish, Maryland Heights, Missouri.

3 1992 through 2002, DePaul Health Center, located in
4 Bridgeton, Missouri; St. Louis Archdiocese.

5 April 2002 to the present, he's been located here in
6 DuPage County with a P.O. Box of 5068, Wheaton, Illinois.

7 Judge, if this case were to proceed to trial, the
8 evidence would should that, throughout his career, the
9 defendant had a close relationship with Bishop Imesch,
10 evidenced by numerous letters the two exchanged over the
11 years, many of which touched upon the defendant's
12 misconduct with young boys, following the discovery of the
13 defendant's child sexual abuse while assigned to St. Isaac
14 Jogues Parish, Hinsdale, DuPage County, Illinois.

15 The evidence would show that the defendant was
16 assigned at St. Isaac Jogues, effective June 19, 1980.

17 The evidence would show that JOHN DOE S..., with a
18 date of birth of [REDACTED] was a seventh grade
19 student at St. Isaac Jogues Grammar School in 1984.

20 He was 12-years-old when the defendant sent a note
21 to him in a class, saying that he wanted to see him. The
22 boy went and met with the defendant in the back of the
23 church. The defendant told Doe that one of his friends
24 was throwing a school play, and he wanted Doe to try on

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1 a costume. He then directed [REDACTED] to completely disrobe
 2 in his presence while he watched. The defendant then
 3 produced a purported costume that consisted of strips of
 4 material that were not even sufficient to cover Doe's
 5 genitals. The defendant seated immediately in front of
 6 Doe After the victim put on the costume, the defendant
 7 then adjusted the costume, coming in direct contact with
 8 the victim's genitals and buttocks. The defendant fondled
 9 the victim's penis and buttocks. This event lasted about
 10 15 minutes. The defendant then asked the victim if he
 11 could send someone else, meaning another boy. This event
 12 took place approximately two weeks before a school
 13 assembly, that from our information took place in the
 14 school gymnasium on or about December 5th or 6th of 1984.
 15 At that assembly, the school principal, Mr. Bill Clark,
 16 told the student body that Father Lenczycki had been
 17 removed because of inappropriate contact with some of the
 18 boys.

19 The evidence would show that another student, JOHN
 20 Doe-13 had complained to the principal. The principal
 21 told Doe to report the incident to his parents. Doe
 22 was an eighth grade student whom the defendant used the
 23 same scheme on. The event took place in the defendant's
 24 bedroom in the rectory. He had Doe disrobe and fondled

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1 Doc buttocks. The defendant placed a wet rag over the
2 boy's genitals. The boy then resisted and a struggle
3 ensued with Doc fleeing and going to the principal.
4 When Doc h told his parents what had occurred, his
5 father immediately went to the rectory to confront the
6 defendant. Mr. Doc waited for hours for the defendant
7 to arrive. He spoke to Father Kocher, who was the pastor,
8 and to the defendant. The defendant told Ms Doc quote,
9 "Don't worry, kids are resilient."

10 That same night, the defendant sat down with Father
11 Kocher and admitted he had inappropriate contact with
12 several boys. No report was ever made to the Department
13 of Children and Family Services or any law enforcement
14 that's official despite the fact that the defendant listed
15 13 boys to Father Kocher that he had this inappropriate
16 contact with.

17 And, Judge, we will tender to the Court, a copy for
18 counsel that original list that we obtained through the
19 grand jury subpoena, People's No. 1, for identification.

20 MR. CORNELIUS: Note our further objection, your
21 Honor.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Birkett, you have already indicated
23 that the -- this list was People's Exhibit No. 1. You
24 want to make this 1A?

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1 MR. BIRKETT: Yes. Actually, I think I said 3 for
2 that, Judge.

3 THE COURT: My mistake.

4 MR. BIRKETT: That's okay. This is 1.

5 THE COURT: So the record is clear.

6 MR. BIRKETT: That is our understanding, Judge, the
7 original hand-prepared list that the defendant prepared
8 along with Father Kocher.

9 After the meeting with Father Kocher, Father Kocher
10 and the defendant went to see Bishop Imesch the next day,
11 and the defendant was formally removed. Eventually, he
12 was sent to the House of Affirmation in California to
13 undergo counseling for having abused sexually abused
14 children.

15 The parish, through Bishop Imesch and Father Kocher,
16 retained an attorney. The attorney, Mr. Botti, Aldo
17 Botti, discouraged parents from going forward with civil
18 or criminal actions.

19 The evidence would show that during the period, he
20 abused Doc-13 and AGE 5 the defendant also sexually ^Y
21 abused [REDACTED] who was a 10-year-old student at St. ^x
22 Isaac Jogues, when he was first abused. The defendant
23 employed a similar scheme to seduce [REDACTED]. During this
24 encounter, the defendant fondled [REDACTED] penis, back,

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1 chest, and legs.

2 During the same period, from October 1 to December
3 4, 1984, the defendant used the same scheme to seduce
4 Doe - D -e, with a date of birth of [REDACTED] X
5 1972. He was a seventh grade student at St. Isaac Jogues.
6 The defendant issued a pass for the victim to come and see
7 him. Using the same costume story, the defendant had
8 Steve disrobe and try on a "costume." The defendant then
9 fondled the victim's buttocks and waist.

10 In virtually all of these encounters, your Honor, if
11 this case were to proceed to trial, the victims would
12 testify that the defendant became excited, breathing
13 rapidly, and often perspiring during the abuse.

14 The evidence would show that in addition to the boys
15 he abused at St. Isaac Jogues, the defendant sexually
16 abused several other boys over, virtually, the entire
17 period of time he was a Catholic parish priest up to the
18 period and including 1986 to 1991, following his
19 counseling at the House of Affirmation, when he was
20 assigned to St. Peter's Church in Pacifica, California.
21 With these other boys, the defendant employed three basic
22 schemes: The costume story, also a psychological test,
23 followed by a naked massage; and a scheme to take
24 photographs of the boys in the similar costume for quote

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1 "a school project."

2 In 1995, the Catholic Priest, Father Rev Doe, *
3 wrote to Bishop Imesch and informed him that the defendant
4 had sexually abused Doe in 1979 when the defendant was
5 assigned to St. Charles Borromeo High School. Doe was
6 14-years-old at the time. This abuse consisted of
7 fondling the victim's penis, during what the defendant
8 said was a research project. The "research" consisted of
9 a questionnaire, followed by naked massages.

10 Three victims from California, Doe I, Doe II
11 Doe III, and Doe IV, who were all teenage boys,
12 would testify to abuse by the defendant from 1986 to 1991.

13 In his correspondence to Bishop Imesch on February
14 (sic) 27, 1985, while at the House of Affirmation, the
15 defendant wrote and I quote, "I have already discovered
16 I'm not the lone ranger." He said that he had feelings of
17 quote, "guilt and humiliation". Bishop Imesch replied to
18 virtually all of the defendant's letters. The two would
19 meet when Imesch would travel to California. Imesch told
20 the defendant that he feared the defendant's return to
21 Illinois would create considerable quote, "tension and
22 apprehension." He said that in a letter, dated June (sic)
23 15, 1986, that the defendant, when I say he, I mean Bishop
24 Imesch, said in a letter dated July 15th, 1986, to the

1 defendant that you should stay away "at least three and
2 possibly four years."

3 When rumors began that there might be a civil case
4 filed, the defendant wrote the following letter to Bishop
5 Imesch quote, and this, your Honor, is People's Exhibit
6 No. 2 for identification.

7 THE COURT: Thank you.

8 MR. BIRKETT: Copy for counsel. This is also
9 People's Exhibit No. -- or People's Discovery No's. 415
10 through 417.

11 The defendant said and I quote: "If there has been
12 any good for me that's come out of this situation, it's
13 this. When I was at the House of Affirmation, one thing I
14 was told was that I'd never know how I affected the
15 individuals I had contact with. Recently, however, with
16 the threat of this going to court, my attorney suggested I
17 have an independent expert witness, a psychologist from
18 Ann Arbor, Michigan, whose dealt with cases like mine,
19 interview the guy who brought the complaint, the complaint
20 against me. The rest of the quote is in the letter.

21 Again, it goes on. "His rather lengthy report
22 states that ultimately I did no permanent damage to
23 Mr. [REDACTED].

24 Quote: "The threat of my case going to court is

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1 still there. But at least through my actions, though
2 wrong, in this case, seemingly inflicted no lasting harm.
3 For this I'm grateful to God.

4 Continuing the quote: "My prayer now is that there
5 be a resolution to all this without the case going to
6 court."

7 These letters and other correspondence are referred
8 to or obtained from the Diocese of Joliet, pursuant to the
9 grand jury subpoena issued upon them in April of 2002.

10 Judge, that's the factual basis and before formally
11 imposing sentence, we'd ask that Mr. McGimpsey introduce
12 the Victim Impact Statement.

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 MR. MCGIMPSEY: Can I do so, Judge?

15 THE COURT: Well, this is the factual basis?

16 MR. BIRKETT: Right.

17 THE COURT: Counsel, would you stipulate that if
18 called to testify, that's what the State's witnesses would
19 have testified to?

20 MR. CORNELIUS: Judge, we would stipulate that
21 there's sufficient factual basis. There are, as I've
22 indicated to the Court, some things that we don't
23 necessarily agree with in the factual basis, Judge. But
24 the sum and substance of what the State is required to

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1 prove their case, Judge, we stipulate there's sufficient
2 factual basis. And that the testimony would be such that
3 would suffice to that end.

4 THE COURT: All right.

5 Then what is your plea to Count 1, Count 3, and
6 Count 5? Guilty or not guilty.

7 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: Guilty.

8 THE COURT: Based on what I've heard, I'll make the
9 finding that there is a factual basis to support your
10 pleas. They are being made knowingly and voluntarily.
11 Prior to the imposition of sentence, is there anything
12 else that the State would wish to present, by way of
13 aggravation?

14 MR. BIRKETT: Only the Victim Impact Statement from
15 one victim, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Do you wish to read --

17 MR. MCGIMPSEY: Do you wish to call the witness up
18 and have her sworn.

19 THE COURT: Sure. Please step forward.

20 THE CLERK: Would you raise your right hand, please?

21 (The oath was thereupon duly
22 administered to the witness by the
23 Clerk.)

24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

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By: MR. MCGIMPSEY

Q. Ma'am, could you please state your name?

A. Shawn McCormac, M-C-C-O-R-M-A-C.

Q. And you work for the state's attorney's office;
is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. You work with our victims in our Victim Witness
Unit; is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you, in preparation for this afternoon's
proceeding, have occasion to consult with a victim in this
case, [REDACTED]?

A. Yes.

Q. And [REDACTED] is here in court today; is
that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Pursuant to your conversations with him, did he
prepare a Victim Impact Statement in anticipation of this
plea proceeding going this afternoon?

A. Yes.

Q. And did you assist him in preparing that?

A. Yes.

Q. And did you also work in conjunction with

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1 myself and Mr. Birkett to review that Victim Impact
2 Statement pursuant to law?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked as
5 People's Exhibit No. 4. I have already tendered a copy of
6 this to counsel, just so the Court is aware.

7 Ms. McCormac, is that the original Victim Impact
8 Statement of [REDACTED], spelled [REDACTED]?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Would you be -- in your conversations with
11 Mr. [REDACTED], did he indicate to you that he did not wish
12 to read it himself but wished you to read it in his place?

13 A. That's correct.

14 MR. MCGIMPSEY: At this point, Judge, I'd ask the
15 witness to read the Victim Impact Statement for the
16 Court's benefit.

17 THE COURT: You may proceed.

18 THE WITNESS: Imagine being violated by the very
19 person who is there to teach morals, ethics, and religion.
20 One may ask how it is possible. We all know this is very
21 rampant in our society today and has been for years in
22 churches everywhere.

23 Being a former student at St. Isaac Jogues of
24 Hinsdale, Illinois, I never imagined such a scenario.

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1 After the last six to seven years of this case, it is
2 still extremely difficult to understand and or comprehend
3 what has happened to myself and several other boys.

4 I will never live a day, week, month, or year
5 without recalling the events of such a sick individual. I
6 ask myself repeatedly, "how could the Catholic church
7 allow such vigilant acts?" There was a time when sleep
8 was impossible and although it may be easier today, it
9 will never be without the weight of this act from Fred
10 Lenczycki and the Diocese of Joliet/St. Isaac Jogues of
11 Hinsdale, Illinois.

12 People have asked what a fair sentence might be. "I
13 ask is five, ten, 15-plus years equal to the torture he
14 has caused eight to nine young men for the remainder of
15 their lives?" Obviously, in our eyes it will never be
16 justified.

17 Growing up in the Catholic church, we have always
18 been taught to "trust" others and ourselves. Presently,
19 it has been impossible to "trust" anyone, outside of
20 immediate friends and family. Although I am the only
21 victim present today and not a devout Catholic. I speak
22 for all victims past, present, and future when I say
23 "trust me," he absolutely is not getting what he deserves
24 and the defendant's ultimate fate lies in the hands of

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1 God.

2 MR. MCGIMPSEY: At this point, Judge, we'd ask that
3 the Victim Statement be received by the Court for its
4 consideration.

5 THE COURT: Do you have any objection as it being
6 made part of the court file?

7 MR. CORNELIUS: No objection, Judge.

8 THE COURT: Is there anything else the State wishes
9 to present?

10 MR. BIRKETT: No, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Is there anything else that you wish to
12 say?

13 MR. CORNELIUS: No, your Honor.

14 I would indicate to the Court that there is, as the
15 Court has indicated, an absence of criminal history here,
16 Judge.

17 There is, and my client has elected not to move
18 forward in that direction, Judge, but there is, as the
19 Court might imagine, more mitigation I've ever encountered
20 as a defense attorney and maybe the Court may have ever
21 encountered as well, Judge, because attendant to what he
22 has done in his life as a Catholic priest.

23 And, Judge, he has also made a decision that one of
24 the reasons that he wanted to take this plea agreement

1 today, Judge, was to allow some closure for the victims in
2 this case, Judge. Additionally, to prevent those victims
3 from having to take the witness stand, in either a
4 sentencing hearing or a trial in this matter, Judge. And
5 I'd ask the Court to bear those matters in mind.

6 THE COURT: Is there anything you would like to say?

7 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: No.

8 THE COURT: All right. Then pursuant to the
9 agreement, as I indicated to the parties, I would accept
10 the terms of the agreement.

11 There will be a concurrent sentence of five years in
12 the Illinois Department of Corrections on Count 1, Count
13 3, and Count 5.

14 The Court will also impose costs, require the
15 defendant to submit to a DNA sample, and pay the \$200
16 assessment associated with that.

17 Upon your release from the Department of
18 Corrections, you will be obliged to register as a child
19 sex offender. And it's contemplated by the parties that
20 there will be a surrender this afternoon.

21 MR. CORNELIUS: That's correct, Judge.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 Sir, you do have the right to appeal, even though
24 this was an agreement. But before you could successfully

1 appeal, you would first have to file a written motion,
2 asking me to vacate everything that was done that I am
3 allowing you to withdraw your plea of guilty. That motion
4 must be in writing, filed within 30 days, and it must set
5 forth all the grounds or reasons why it should be granted.
6 If it's granted, I would modify or change your sentence in
7 some form.

8 If you were indigent, copies of transcripts would be
9 given to you without cost, counsel would be appointed to
10 assist you, and, finally, any issue or claim of error or
11 anything you think was done wrong, you must reduce that to
12 writing and include it in your motion. Otherwise, the
13 appellate court would consider that you've waived those
14 issues.

15 Do you have any questions about anything that's
16 happened this afternoon?

17 DEFENDANT LENCZYCKI: No, I don't.

18 MR. BIRKETT: Judge, also, so it's clear. If the
19 defendant were allowed to withdraw his plea, we could
20 reinstate those counts that were nolle prosequed.

21 THE COURT: Sure.

22 MR. BIRKETT: And also bring the charges on the, yet,
23 unnamed victims, who we are aware of.

24 THE COURT: You just said victims. You had indicated

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1 earlier there was one individual.

2 MR. BIRKETT: Victim. There's one. And while there
3 are others, but one that we learned of today. This
4 contemplates all of the victims that Mr. Cornelius is
5 aware of.

6 MR. CORNELIUS: And the State has made that
7 representation to me that this contemplates all victims --

8 MR. BIRKETT: It does.

9 MR. CORNELIUS: -- known to the State.

10 THE COURT: In such that if your client seeks to
11 withdraw his plea of guilty and that it would be granted,
12 then all of the issues that were part of this agreement
13 would also be withdrawn by the State, which means
14 reinstatement of Count 2 and other charges, which you have
15 made part of this agreement, you will not pursue.

16 MR. BIRKETT: As to Count 2 and Count 4, correct,
17 your Honor. And, I believe, the defendant understands
18 that.

19 MR. CORNELIUS: That's correct, Judge.

20 THE COURT: All right, sir. Have a seat with the
21 deputy.

22 People's Exhibit 1 through 4 will be made part of
23 the court file.

24 MR. BIRKETT: Make it part of the record, your Honor.

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1 Thank you, Judge.

2 (Which were all the proceedings had
3 at the hearing of the above-entitled
4 cause, this date.)

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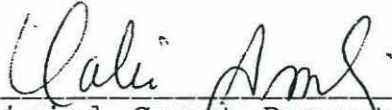
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4 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I reported in shorthand the
5 proceedings had at the hearing of the above-entitled
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8 and complete transcript of my shorthand notes so taken at
9 the time and place hereinabove set forth.

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January 27, 2004

Frederick Lenczycki R 27138
East Moline Correctional Center
100 Hillcrest Road
East Moline, IL 61244

Dear Fred,

Thanks for the letter you wrote me just before Christmas. I intended to write to you, but the holidays, as well as the holiday mail, prevented me from doing so. Then after you pleaded guilty I had to wait for an address for you. Deacon Chuck Peterson sent me your address.

Fred, first of all, I want to thank you for the sorrow and remorse you expressed in your December letter. I know the pain you have experienced over this whole situation. The newspapers were quick to point out that you did not express any remorse or regret at the time of your sentence. I know that your emotions would probably not allow you to say anything at that time and I also know the deep regret and remorse that you experience. Unfortunately, people who do not know you consider you as a hardened and unfeeling abuser. I know that is not the case.

As you probably know, the State's Attorney went after me pretty heavily, also. He accused me of moral failure in allowing you to be assigned to a parish in California where there are additional allegations by three young men. I was not aware of any of that until news of the allegations were reported several months ago. If they are true, I deeply regret that these things occurred after your therapy.

I do not know all of the details of the legal proceedings of the past several months. What is puzzling to me is that whatever information the State's Attorney had to convict you now, the State's Attorney also had in 1984 at the time of the situation. They were aware of what had taken place

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and DCFS was also informed. The parents of the young men could have filed suit at the time, had they wished. If the State's Attorney office felt that a crime had been committed, they should have taken action at the time. I guess I just do not understand all of the legal ramifications and maneuvers.

I prayed so much for you in the days following your sentencing. I cannot imagine how traumatic it must have been to be imprisoned and to endure all that - that means.

Deacon Chuck Peterson and [REDACTED] both told me that they had seen you in Stateville. Hopefully their visit helped you. I do not know a great deal about East Moline, but I will find out something about it.

[REDACTED] wrote me and asked for your address, so I presume you will be hearing from him. Sister Camille did also.

Fred, I do not know if you want a visit from me or if such a visit would be allowed. In any case, I probably would not come until summertime, but if it is possible and if you wish, I could certainly come.

I pray that you will find some peace and comfort after you get settled in. I know that the Lord is not limited by prison walls and I am sure he will be present to you.

You are in my prayers each day and I know that you remember me also. A lot of people are praying for you. I am sure you know that.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

700 Oddstad Boulevard
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August 22, 2002

Dear Parishioners:

A very important issue confronts us today. In 1986 Father Fred Lenczycki came to St. Peter Church as associate pastor and he served the parish for five years. Recently, the Internet stated that Father Fred has confessed to numerous counts of improper sexual contact with eight boys over a two-year period (1982-1984) in Illinois – why was he allowed to serve here?

In 1985 Father Fred signed up for ten months of intense therapy at the House of Affirmation in Montara, Ca. I agreed to accept him in 1986 and he continued extensive therapy for several years. His bishop and our Archbishop and the House of Affirmation approved my decision.

The conditions were as follows: he was to reveal his past history and continue the therapy mentioned above. In 1986, his coming to St. Peter seemed like a good idea. The entire St. Peter Staff accepted him and he served here quite successfully. His candor, however, was seriously lacking. What he revealed to me was incomplete, and he seemed to be “a border line case” which could be helped through the counseling.

In any case, what seemed like a good idea in 1986 turned out to be a serious mistake because we put some of our young parishioners at risk. Since the Father Fred situation has become known through the Internet, two allegations from St. Peter Parish have been forwarded to the San Mateo County D.A. and the Archdiocese.

I apologize to all the parishioners for the danger, pain, anger, and disappointment, which my decision has caused. I am devastated by this tragic series of events. We have learned a great deal since 1986 and we know now that my decision was very ill-advised. I can only repeat my sadness and regret. To help us move beyond this crisis I am offering counseling to any parishioner who has been harmed. I will also forward any other allegation concerning Father Fred’s behavior to the Archdiocese and the San Mateo D.A. Finally, there will be a public meeting in St. Peter Church Thursday, August 29, 2002 to air out more information and make plans for future healing.

Once again, I beg your forgiveness for not being more vigilant. I am seriously committed to the protection of our children and teenagers. Furthermore, I am confident that through prayer, understanding, and compassion, we will overcome this evil, which has come upon us, and we will emerge as a parish stronger than ever.

Sincerely,


Rev. Leonard J. Calegari,
Pastor

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This document summarizes comments from the St. Peter Parish meeting which was held on August 29, 2002 regarding the past assignment and work of Father Lenczycki to St. Peter for a five year period 1986-1991. The background for this meeting is as follows:

Internet articles regarding Father Lenczycki's past involvement in child sexual abuse cases, (1984 -1986, Joliet, Illinois Diocese) began to circulate in the summer of 2002. Some St. Peter parishioners became aware of this in August. They were very concerned because he had been subsequently assigned to St. Peter Parish, Pacifica, from 1986-1991, after his time in Joliet. A committee met with Father Len Calegari on August 20, 2002 to discuss the seriousness of this matter and to make plans to present it to the parish. Father Len sent a letter dated August 22, 2002 to all members of the parish and a parish meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 2002.

The meeting was attended by approximately 200 parishioners. It began with an introduction by members of the committee, followed by an Opening Prayer by Father Len and then a statement and background information from Father Len about Father Lenczycki's assignment to St. Peter Parish. Father John Talesfore, Director of Liturgy and a representative of the Archdiocese of San Francisco then gave a presentation.

An Open Forum followed in which parishioners spoke with great emotion and concern about the circumstances of Father Lenczycki's employment at our parish, the problem of clergy sexual abuse, and the absolute need for reforms.

At the close of the meeting, the congregation was assured by Father Talesfore that their comments would be conveyed to the Archdiocese. A list of Archdiocesan resources to support the parish in this time of need was also provided to all in attendance at the meeting. Additionally, the committee will meet with Father Calegari on Wednesday, September 4, 2002 to discuss additional steps to take, including a meeting between parishioners and the representatives of the Archdiocese on this matter. A Mass of Healing has been scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2002.

The following comments are summary notes taken from the parish speakers at the August 29, 2002 Parish Meeting. Father Len and Father John responded to questions that were raised during the Open Forum.

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STATEMENT TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PETER PARISH, PACIFICA,
SUBSEQUENT TO THE REVELATIONS REGARDING FATHER FRED LENCZYCKI

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As you meet this evening for prayer and healing and to address once again the revelations regarding Father Fred Lenczycki during his tenure at St. Peter Church, I wish to assure you of my respect, admiration and support. I recognize that you have reached out to your fellow parishioners as they seek to respond to reports of sexual abuse perpetrated by Father Lenczycki, especially assisting those who have been directly affected by his inexcusable behavior. Your honest and forthright approach has been helpful to the healing process that finds a certain conclusion tonight but which will continue into the future. I am sure that your pastor, Father Calegari, and the entire parish staff appreciates the time and concern you have invested in this process, as do I.

As Vicar General of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, I wish to extend to you and all the parishioners of St. Peter Parish my sincere apologies for the pain that you have been experiencing, either directly or indirectly, due to Father Fred's behavior here. The Archdiocese of San Francisco takes very seriously its commitment to serve the people of this local church in a manner fitting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To that end, the administration of the Archdiocese seeks to assign to duty only those priests who have been carefully screened and trained for their sacred duties. While it was thought, given the wisdom of the time, that due diligence was observed in the assignment of Father Lenczycki at Saint Peter's in Pacifica in 1986, our current understanding of the pathology of child sexual abuse reveals that the problem is more intractable than once believed. As fellow Catholics, brothers and sisters in the Lord, I assure you that all of us in Archdiocesan administration journey with you in the healing process and seek, as you do, to provide for the safety of our children and young adults.

At the direction of Archbishop Levada, the Archdiocese has continued to establish strict and verifiable norms that seek to assure the protection of our youth in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The policies already in place have been even further enhanced and tightened; all employees in the Archdiocese, including clergy, are thoroughly instructed in these policies; background checks, including fingerprinting, are mandatory for all clergy and for those lay employees and volunteers who have regular, supervisory contact with children; and the Archdiocese, in the implementation of the USCCB Charter adopted in Dallas, continues to add more proactive programs of education for those working with children and youth. I can assure you that every step is being taken to see that our parishes are safe and loving environments where people can gather, pray and worship without fear of being victimized in any way.

As deacons, priests and bishops, we are dedicated to the Gospel of Truth and Light. We seek to live the truth, speak the truth and embrace the truth. We desire to reflect the light of Christ in our world where the darkness of sin often obscures the beauty of the human heart. Nothing hurts us more than when one of our brothers fails in his sacred duty to serve Christ and His people with integrity and purity of heart.

And so, I assure you of the support and prayers of Archbishop Levada and all of us in the Archdiocese. I also seek your prayers as we cope with the fragility of the human spirit and the consequences to all of us, particularly the abused, when those dedicated to the truth that is Jesus Christ sin against His body, the Church. Together we are forging a transparent and courageous path in dealing with the sin of sexual abuse of minors and Archbishop Levada and I join you as fellow pilgrims on that path.

Most Reverend John C. Wester
October 8, 2002

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September 20, 2004

Mr. DOE-H
% Mr. Marc Pearlman
333 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1840
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. DOE-H

Last December a lawsuit was filed charging that you had been abused by Fred Lenczycki. This past week I learned of your identity. I am sending you this letter so that you will know that I am concerned for you and for anyone who had been victimized by a priest in our diocese.

On a number of occasions in the past I have said and now want to say to you personally that I am sorry for the pain caused to you, to all victims and their families. I am saddened that children and young people who trusted their priests received such shameful treatment from them. I have and continue to offer my apologies to all victims of abuse, to their families, to parishioners and others. I deeply regret that so many have suffered and continue to suffer because of the sins of a few.

I realize that nothing I can say will erase the past, but I want to give you the opportunity to tell me personally how your life has been affected so that I might offer you some pastoral response. While I fully recognize that the pending litigation may preclude anything like that happening at this time, I want you to know that the door is always open for you.

Our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Sister Mary Frances Seeley, O.S.F. (815) 263-6467 is also someone with whom you might wish to speak. She can provide you with information about counseling, spiritual direction and/or other resources.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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September 20, 2004

Mr. J. DOE "J"
% Mr. Marc Pearlman
333 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1840
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. DOE -T-

Earlier this summer a lawsuit was filed on your behalf in Cook County charging that you had been abused by Fred Lenczycki. Just a few days ago I learned of your identity. I am sending you this letter so that you will know that I am concerned for you and for anyone who had been victimized by a priest in our diocese.

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Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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October 29, 2003

Mrs. Boe
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Dear MRS. BOE

I received your recent letter in response to the letter I sent you on behalf of the Diocesan Appeal. I want to respond to some of your concerns, but I also want you to know that I would be willing to meet with you and your husband to discuss any of these issues further. I also offer to meet with your son, if he wishes to do so.

You mentioned that "...you have known since 1984 that my son was one of the victims..." Until I received your letter I did not know that your son was one of the victims. In fact, I did not know the name of any of the youngsters involved until some names surfaced in a lawsuit. When the incident happened at the parish, I was informed that the parents were advised that a counselor, either a psychiatrist or psychologist, was available to talk to them or any of their sons. No names were ever presented to me. If your son feels he could benefit from counseling at this time, I certainly want to offer that opportunity.

In your letter you also said that I had assigned Father Lenczycki "... to SIJ even after he had abused a seminarian at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary." I had no knowledge of any such abuse having taken place before I assigned Father Lenczycki to St. Isaac Jogues, nor have I heard of any abuse by Father Lenczycki having taken place at St. Charles Borromeo. If I had known of any abuse having taken place, I would never have assigned him to St. Isaac Jogues or to any parish.

I do not know where you obtained your information regarding this situation, but it is not an accurate account of what happened. If I were

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aware of child abuse by a priest, I would never place children in jeopardy by assigning that priest to a parish. The first information I had about any abuse by Fred Lenczycki was the morning after the incident was reported at St. Isaac Jogues.

I, too, am terribly distressed and disturbed over the reports of sexual abuse by members of the clergy. I want to do whatever I can to ensure that such things do not happen again and that those who have been victims receive whatever help can be offered to them. I want to do that for your son now. He may not wish to meet with me, but, if he does, I would want very much to do that.

I sincerely apologize for the abuse your son suffered. Again, if you wish to speak with me about this matter, I would want very much to meet with you.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch
Bishop of Joliet

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Bishop Amesele,
I have been remiss in responding to your repeated request for your diocesan appeal - I have included a newspaper editorial that expresses my feelings. This is why I am not giving to the appeal as we have for the past many years.

I learned this year that you have known since 1984 that my son ^{JOHN DOE} was one of the victims of Fred Kenycki at St. Joseph Joliet. My son nor I were not contacted by you or your office offering any assistance or even an apology. Also I learned that you had assigned him to SJJ even after he had abused & persecuted at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

Fred destroyed my sons faith and trust not only in God but also his fellow men.

Therefore as long as you are in office, I would be a contributor - Mrs. Doe

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mary Beth Setter

FROM: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

RE: Clergy Pensions

- 1) Father Philip Dederer. According to my records, he was ordained in 1972 and was placed on Administrative Leave in 2002. That means he had 30 years of service. His pension then should be reduced by 10 times 2.5% equaling 25%.
- 2) FATHER DOE. He was ordained in 1968 and placed on Administrative Leave in 2002. That means he had 34 years of contributions. His pension then should be reduced by 6 times 2.5% equaling 15%.
- 3) Father Don O'Connor. He was ordained in 1964 and placed on Administrative Leave in 2002. That means he had 38 years of contributions. His pension then should be reduced by 2 times 2.5% equaling 5%.
- 4) Father Fred Lenczycki. He was ordained in 1972 and left in 2002. That equals 30 years of contributions. (I am presuming that from the time he left in 1985 until 2002, he was making contributions for himself.) If that is true, then he has contributions for 30 years and, therefore, his pension should be reduced by 10 times 2.5% equaling 25%.

These priests will continue to receive a pension in the future, reduced by the percentage as above, though they will receive the annual increase that the other priests receive, reduced by the same percentage.

If you are in agreement with this, please let me know.

Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

cc: *Dan Leary*